Price fifteen pence

Pound up 6.3 cents after Government authorizes free float

he pound rose 6.3 cents against he dollar yesterday to close at .8405, its highest level since May of last year. The improvement ame after the Government ended is policy of holding down the

pound and allowed it to rise freely on the foreign exchange markets. The free floating pound is expected to lead to lower inflation at home but could have the effect of slowing the growth of exports.

Highest rate since May last year

conomics Correspondent

The Government yesterday aded its policy of holding was the pound and allowed it rise freely in the foreign change markets. At the end business in London it stood \$1.8405, up 6.3 cents on iday's parity, with an effec-e rate of 64.6 per cent of its yel in December, 1971, Sterling has appreciated by

bout 15 per cent since its low bint in October of last year ad stands at its highest level nco May last year. The result likely to be lower inflation at slower growth of exports. The decision to allow sterling o rise seems to have been then by the Chancellor and e Prime Minister last Friday response to heavy inflows of oreign money into London. The new policy of non-interention was first applied early sterday in the Far East, here sterling rose to \$1.80 as t became apparent that the uthorities were not intervenag. No new peg has been

in hectic New York trading. to pound ended last night at 1.8450-65, compared with Friy's close of \$1.777-80.

The official agnouncement

ras made yesterday morning nd it was clear that the Gov-"nment's action is designed to rotect its targets for restrictg the growth of the money upply in Britain. Those targets limit the growth

sterling M3, as the most ourmonly used measure of soney supply is called, to 13 per cent at most during this financial year. The Treasury, commenting on recent inflows of funds, said: "A continuance of these inflows on a large cale could now endanger continued adherence to these tor-

The last published figures for the money supply from it growing at an annual rate of 12.9 her cent during the period to mid-September, and internal Treasury studies show that it yould have gone significantly above the top end of the per-mitted 9 to 13 per cent range lad action not been taken.
Inflows of foreign funds
broost the money supply because
the Bank of England sells

The United States, France and Britain today versed

efforts by African countries in

the United Nations to impose

mandatory economic and arms

embargoes against South Mrica, The move gave the

iree Western powers the uncomfortable semblance of iding with white-ruled Pretoria stainst the black Africans.

Today's vetos against three

notions tabled in the Security Council in New York followed

some inept diplomacy by the United States administration

ring the past few days. When

animunced Anterious surpirt for a mandatory arms embargo against South Africa

at a press conference here last Thursday, President Carter gave the distinct impression

that this would involve the immediate introduction of a

^erom David Cross Washington, Oct 31

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the pound steady, which has shown up in a big growth of foreign currency in the re-

The new policy means the abandonment of the promise in the letter of intent to the International Monetary Fund to schieve stability and competitiveness in the pound's rate. It will make imports cheaper and exports dearer.

In the short run that should boost the expected surplus on the balance of payments, but over a longer period it will make exports either more ex-pensive or less profitable, thus cutting down the volume of sales overseas.

If the pound stays up in the foreign exchange markets the Government will have to worsen its already pessimistic estimates for the growth in exports and imports next year.

The decision will, however, tend to reduce the inflation rate. Treasury calculations sug-

gest that a 5 per cent increase in the value of sterling would lead to a 1.1 per cent lowering of the rate of retail price in-flation over the coming year.

Pressure on the Government allow sterling to rise was building up throughout the summer. Reaction yesterday was mixed, however. The Financial limes index of ordinary shares fall 3.8 points to 505.5. Longdated government stocks advanced, but there was a decline in short-doted stocks.

The Confederation of British Industry criticized the Govern-

Industry criticized the Government's action, saving that industry needed stability is the enthuries with A arrest to be enthurized with A arrest to be published today will show that 61 per cent of CBI members in the industrial trends survey believe that price is a big compared with only 39 per cent earlier this year. Some employers expressed the hope that the prospect of lower inflation will lead unions to accept lower pay semiements in the coming

West vetoes S Africa sanctions

emerged that any arms embargo would be of limited duration, largely, it appears, because of French and British wishes. This

sudden change of tack clearly

upset black African nations Today's Security Council de-

liberations on how to respond to South Africa's recent cam-

pilgn to clamp down on black dissidents began two hours late

efter last-minute frantic efforts

to find a compromise between Western nations and black African countries. Mr Rikhi Jaipal, the Indian President of

the Council, said there had been a great deal of consulting

permanen- weapons embargo

accompanied by a ban on in-resuments in South Africa, while the furthest the United States and its allies would go

was a six-month arms embargo, to be renewed if South Africa

termanent ban. persisted with its present. The next day, however, it pulicies.

The black Africans wanted a

servative spokesman on Treasury affairs, told the Society of Conservative Lawyers Society of Conservative Lawyers in London lest night that the decision to allow the pound to rise was just one more example of the adoption of Conservative economic policy recommendations that had been continually pressed on the Government. Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC. the shadow Chancellor, said: "This latest reversal of government policy is in line with the advice which we have been giving them for many months. "It underlines the need for much more substantial relaxations in exchange control than those which the Chancellor which the Chancellor announced last week."

He said relaxations exchange controls would boost exchange controls would boost overseas investment and increase opportunities to improve Britain's invisible exports. Relaxation would also prevent the pound from rising artificially high and damaging the competitiveness of our

exports.

Mr Enoch Powell. Ulster
Unionist MP for Down, South,
commented: "I am glad that the advice which I have been giving with increasing insistence over recent weeks has been heeded, especially as some 53,000m of public money has been spent in the last two months alone in order to buy unwanted foreign currency in the course of keeping down the exchange rate of the

He went on: "This was a terrifyingly inflationary factor and I am glad that the Government has decided to put an end to it

Mr John Pardoc, the Liberal Party spokesman on economic affairs, said: "The Liberal Party has been in favour of a floating pound ever since 1967. We were the first party to call for a float and the believe it is the only way to the first party to the process of the first party to the process of the first party to the party

sterling."
Mr Ronald Thomas, MP for Bristol, North-west and chairman of the Tribune group of left-wing Labour MPs, well-sterling the move. "I have pay semlements in the coming way suggested because most pay round, thus easing inflation exporters, rather than reduce suthorities are believed to have Tory claim: Mr David Howell, taken increased profits, he spent about \$10,000m holding MP for Guildford and a Consaid.

Western refusal to concede this

were cast by Canada and West

killings as an outgrowth of apartheid.—UPI.

Germany.

countries would have agreed to limit their censure of South Africa to an arms ban provided out of 193,605 issued. that this could be introduced on a permanent basis. But the

The vote was something of a soub to many shop stewards of modification
New York, Oct 31.—The
Security Council immediately the Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU) who opposed endorsement of the scheme in spite of the approval adjourned for consultations to seek a common course against of most other unions. The 550m the Pretoria Government. The vote was 10 for and five against five-point programme, which may breach the 12-month rule

against included those of United States. Britain and France, thus constituting veroes. The other two ways yours Mr Derck Whittaker, managing director of Leyland Cars. said that the ballot outcome was very encouraging. He added: "It is a tremendous boost to The council approved unani-mously a fourth, blandlymorale for everybody in Ley-land Cars and in our supplier worded resolution strongly con-demning massive violence and "It would be unr

On one of the few days when families can meet, a villager led his people to escape by boat

Cambodia's horror seen through the eyes of two children

From Henry Kamm
Lamsing, Thailand
If Hong An Khieng knew
how to smile, he would look
like most 12-year-old Cambodian bays used to look, but
perhaps slighter and older
than his age. During a talk of
more than two hours with the
boy and his family, no smile lit

more than two hours with the boy and his family, no smile lit his drawn face and sad eyes, even when he talked volubly.

His 10-year-old sister. Hong Vuoch Kuy, although she shared Khieng's experiences, has kept the easy Khmer smile, which so enchanted foreign visitors until, two-and-a-half years ago, the communists completed their victory and made Cambodia perhaps the world's most isolated country.

In two days of interviews with a family of nine Cambodiens, including five children, who fied less than a month ago, a picture emerged of a country carrying communist organization of all phases of life to extremes that may well be unprecedented. The grown-ups and the two older children and the grown-ups and the two older children told of a society organized rigidly into separate groups of adult men, adult women, the elderly, children aged 6 to 15

All people over the age of six work: the elderly mainly in their villages, where their tasks include taking care of the young children: most of the adults and children within the general area of their villages; and the unmarried young people farthest away. They rorely see their families.

Toe refucees told of a life haps the world's most isolated elderly, children aged 6 to 15 organization and its public procountry.

The experiences of Khieng and Kuy were harrowing but into work groups that live of the Communist Party and

Toe refugees told of a life so parrow in confines that they were largely unaware of the new shape of their country, its

not unique, according to most accounts from the refugees who trickle our of Cambodia in steadily decreasing numbers. Their lives were similar to those that all surviving Cambodians live—men, women and children.

All people over the age of integral of its leaders and their the except for two names that the girl of 10, speaking without adults knew.

They said their only rewards for long days of work were the food twice a day in small quantity and an occasional control of the same place.

All people over the age of piece of used clothing when the control of Iney said their only rewards for long days of work were thin food twice a day in small quantity and an occasional piece of used clothing when their own fell off their backs. They spoke of living with neither doctors nor medicines, no schools, no money in circulation, no radio or any other communication between them

communication between them and the government, which they suppose remains Phoon Penh. They told of grimness punc-tuated by daily deaths, of ill-ness and hunger, and of vio-lent punishment for minor

transgressions. Their narratives, devastating when heard from adults, become numbing when they

later.

Khieng and Kuy recalled their lives since April, 1975. They now live in this squalid seaside camp where a thousand refugees, virtually all Vietnamese, who escaped from Indo-China by small boat, wait for other countries to offer them a haven.

haven.
Their father, mother and younger brother, as well as their older sister and her busband and their two children, fled by rowing boat, rowing for seven nights and hiding in the tundle along the coast or ou jungle along the coast or ou islands near by during the days The mp was frightening. bieng said, but he was not



Captain Caroline Frost (left) and Ann Hardy, her copilot, at the controls of a British Air Ferries Handley Page Dart Herald at Düsseldorf yesterday. With two stewardesses they made up the first all-woman aircrew to land in West Germany.

ballot.

If, as seems likely, the execu-

that it is an unrepresentative

That will use prevent M:
Joseph Germley, NUM president, from pushing shead with
the scheme, which gives rises of
£23.50 for face workers who

fulfil an agreed weekly output

The alternative would be to

ket and Opinion Research International for Nationwide, the BBC television programme

(a Staff Reporter writes).

More than half of a representative sample of 1,061 people questioned on the state of the

company were against further state aid. Asked about the causes of Leyland's poor performance, 40 per cent blamed unions while 16 per cent blamed the present management.

Militant shop stewards were mainly blamed, 49 per cent of those questioned choosing them as the principal cause of strikes. Of those interviewed who thought that Leyland should

continue to receive state aid, more than half said the company should be given the money it sought, and that it should be split into smaller

Ministers look for pit pact today after Leyland men back pay deal

Labour Editor

Eritish Leyland car workers yesterday partly relieved the Government's anxiety over pay hargaining in the public sector with a big vote in favour of wage reforms. Ministers are now looking for similarly encourag-

Leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers will appounce the result of a secret pithead ballot on a productivity deal designed to ease coalfield pay norest, and the National Coal Board expects a small majority in favour. Taken with the majority of nearly two to one to accept the Leyland wage pack- 1979, concedes the full amount age, the pit deal would give a permissible under pay policy to

In their first shopfloor ballot their on a companywide management offer. Leyland Cars employees voted 59,029 to 31,304 to accept the reform offer. There was an 87 per cent turn-out of the manual labour force. 90.333 manual labour force. 90.333 substantial minority "No" valid papers being returned to the Electoral Reform Society attitude to the reforms. Mr Reg

each of three proposals that on pay rises, must now be reflected a hardine course by approved by the Government Africans. But the five votes and the TUC.

with good will and cooperation tive's recommendation to re-introduce local incentives to boost flagging coal production ward to restoring confidence in the company." The first test of that confiis carried by the votes of non-mining members of the NUM, left-wing militants will argue

dence will come when British Leyland puts its plan for economic recovery to the National Emerprise. Board next week. Shap-floor acceptance of the move towards centralized bargaining and a 10 per cent payrise is an important part of the state of state car company's prospectus, which depends on a further £50m injection of public capi-

Leyland's offer, designed to reduce the present chaotic system of bargaining from 58 units to one from November 1.

1979, concedes the full amount permissible under pay policy to all workers from roday if the cally disastrons for the strength would be to present chaotic manife the strength were being conducted by the police and the Department of the Departme hopes of holding the line on in-come policy this winter.

TUC and Government permit some plants to bring forward

> Parsons, transport union shop steward at a plant at Cowley,
> Oxford, said: "It is a question
> of two evils. I am opposed a
> corporate bargaining but I
> would be the first to agree that
> considerable reforms are

necessary.
"If Leyland itself is at stake, "If Leyland itself is at stake, and there is no other way than this package, then I am almost compelled to agree with it." But he gave a warning that the shift away from plant bargaining contained meny pitfalls that would be exploited by "aggroboys and troublemakers". While the troubled Leyland care division appears to be moving into more tranquil times, the slender majority expected for the change to producivity bargaining in the pits looks certain to raise fresh political con-

"It would be unrealistic to bargaining in the pits looks cer-suppose that all our problems tain to raise fresh political con-will disappear overnight, but troversy in the miners' union.

Will shows Sir Eric was bankrupt

By a Staff Reporter
Sir Eric Miller's will, published yesterday, shows that the former chairman of Peachey Properties apparently died bankrupt. He left £301,864 gross, net all. He had been a million-aire at the age of 34.

Sir Eric, aged 50, died in September. He was found shot in his garden in South Kensing-

ton. His business and financial affairs had been under increasing scrutiny. Inquiries involv-ing him and his Peachey career

and Government permit some plants to bring forward their anniversary date. It pledges negotiations on fringe benefits, incentive schemes and benefits, incentive schemes and benefits, incentive schemes and whose opposition produced the substantial minority "No" totally disastrons for its presentations with the public, and state the public, and state the public, which theory owns British benefits, incentive schemes and benefits a

He doubted whether Sir Eric had arranged to hide any assets before his death. "If he had had any money he would have used it to save face", he said. London Weekend Television's London Programme elleged on Sunday that no proper forensic tests had been carried out after Sir Eric's shooting. Sir Eric's shooting.

cut cost, chief justice proposes By Marcel Berlins Legal Correspondent

Speed trials,

More stringent financial control is needed to shorten criminal trials conducted at public expense, Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice, has told the Royal Commission on Legal Services.

the Royal Commission on Legal Services.

The transcript of his oral evidence to the commission, given a few months ago, has been released, and in it he expresses disquiet over trials getting unhealthily longer.

One suggestion floated by Lord Widgery was a predetermined flat fee for counsel acting in a legal aid case, rather than a daily rate.

An officer of the court would ask the barrister to outline the

ask the barrister to outline the ask the barrister to outline the salient features of the case, such as the number of witnesses and the estimated length, and a fee would be agreed. If it proved too little the barrister could come back

for more, and would have to show why he needed it.
Lord Widgery was asked by the commission to look into the possibility of introducing a pilot study incorporating his ideas, but it has since been learnt that such a study is impracticable.

impracticable.
"When the bottomless pit of legal aid was substituted for the ordinary lay litigant we did not find it possible to include in the system any kind of control of the kind I think a control of the kind I think a mercial man would expect to have to exercise if his outgoin; were £20m or £30m, which is the sort of legal aid price now for criminal cases". Lord

for criminal cases". Lord Widgery said.

"I find it really inescapable that the increasing length of these trials is in some way connected with the greater freedom of the purse."

There was "a general failure to observe the interests of economy, which is induced by the fact that there is nobody in the whole system who is

in the whole system who is interested in economy, nobody

interested in economy, nobody whose duty it is to consider economy, and no sort of financial control at all.

"Instead of saying, in effect, to those representing a legally aided defendant: 'You go right thead and spend as much as you think right. It does not matter. We will write the cheque, whatever it is', you would have some kind of control, some kind of pressure.

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Manchester and Glasgow. Full details from your Travel Agent or British Airways shop. berween 4.30 and 7.30 pm, the British airways Pythe Mar.

Storms cut rail and road services Field Marshol Lord Carrer was given the cold shoulder yesterday by Rhode-sian guerrilla leaders. His talks as com-

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or Robert Eneces James. MP for Cambridge, who introduced a Bill into the Commons in July to enable grand-parents to apoly to a magistrates or county court for access to their grand-children, says there are hundreds of such cases, amounting to a deficiency in family law Page 4

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More power cuts are likely today Most parts of Britain suffered

power cuts yesterday, and the Electricity Council said last might that there would be more today.

Last night's blackouts came

20 and 7.30 pm, the

peak period when workers were returning home and meals were being prepared.

In London the electricity courrel centre reported that 15

control centre reported that 15 per cent of the capital had been without power for periods of up in two hours. Long queues of traffic lights went out.

In Birmingham, the Fox and Goose public house, which had been without beer for 27 months because of a draymen's dispute, was plunged into darkness as it reopened for business. The dispute had been resolved but the power cut lasted 27 minutes and without electricity there could be no ceremonial drawing of the first plot. Bottled beer was used instead. After a house fire at Bearsted, Kent, caused when a young boy tried to light candles young boy tried to light candles during a power cut, the police

warned parents not to let chil-dren play with fire. The blackouts are the result of a work-to-rule by workers at 60 power stations in an un-official dispute over fringe official dispute over

Police take 10% Lord Carver given but firemen's wage talks fail alks on the firemen's 30 per cent pay

calks on the firemen's 30 per cent pay claim were adjourned until Thursday without settlement, but the Police Federation said it would recommend to 104.000 members in England and Veies to accept the Government's 10 per cent offer. Police leaders in Scotland and Northern Ireland followed wit. Talks at the Agricultural Wages for it the control with the pay scales for it the control without a new page 2

Equal pay ended

Workers at the Meriden Motorcycle Concentive voted to end the equal-pay-breali agreement which was introduced hen the cooperative was formed in starch, 1975. The men agreed unanimously to the introduction of a graded incentive scheme Page 20 30C peace in sight

on stewards representing 3,000 strik-British Oxygen Company workers ided by a narrow majority to recom-

i a return to work after a fresh offer. The strike is having a severe

off throughout the country. If strike ends pay talks will reopen Thursday Page 19

missioner-designate with Mr Nkomo and Mr Mugabe, joint leaders of the Patriotic Front, lasted just over an hour. They were due to extend over two days. No date was set for a later meeting Page 7

the cold shoulder

Executions in China At least 23 people have been executed for mainly political crimes in the south-western Chinese city of Kunming. The executions were the latest in a series in various parts of China since the downfall of the "gang of four" Page 7

Jail threat lifted

A jail threat hanging over Mr Andrew Beran, the Labour Party's youth officer, has been lifted. A High Court judge ruled that he was not guilty of con-tempt of court over a legal ban on a meeting of the management committee of Newham. North-East. Labour Party Page 2

Bank girl's killing

A man accessed of the murder of a zirl bank clerk at Hom, near Richmond upon Thames, had tried to hang himself before he eventually confessed to the killing, the prosecution said at the Central Criminal Court Page 4

Gales and floods affected much of Britain, disrupting transport and damaging property. At one time all road links between England and Scotland were impassable except the A1, and railway lines were blocked. There were floods in Wales, and in Sussex houses were damaged. A gust of 70 knots was recorded in the Isle of Wight

Grandparents right Mr Robert Rhedes James, MP for Cam-

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Police take 10% pay rise but firemen's claim is unresolved

By Donald Macintyre Labour Staff

As policemen's representaaccepted the Government's 10 per cent pay offer, talks to settle claims by fireto reach agreement yesterday.

Last night the Home Secretary joined union leaders and

local authority negotiators in discussions on the firemen's 30 per cent pay claim. The talks failed to reach a certlement, and further discussions were arranged for Thurs-

day.
At vesterday's meeting local cuthority employers and Fire Frigades Union officials warned Mr Rees that there would be a serious threat to public safety if negotiations on firemen's pay break down then.

The employers' side of the National Joint Council for Fire Erigades had offered the union a 10 per cent increase within the government guidelines, coupled with continuing discussions on firemen's pay, relative to other groups. The union's 20 per cent claim would take the basic gross pay of a quali-fied fireman to £85.71.

Both the employers and the to outlorize strikes unless the pay demands are met, took the musual step of adjourning the to warn Mr Rees of the dan-

for disabled

List of buildings

A national register of buildings designed or adapted for disabled people is to be estabdisabled people is to be established by the Centre on Environment for the Handicapped (our Social Services Correspondent writes). The register is intended to be used by architects and planners.

The unions, which say wards are understaffed, are demanding the removal from the hospital of a patient involved in an attack on Mr Thomas Read in the observation ward by architects and planners.
The centre, which seeks information about all kinds of

gers of a breakdown in negotia-The 10 per cent offer to the is to be recommended by the Police Federation to its 104,000 members in England the Police Federation to its men and farm workers failed and Wales, the federation decided yesterday.

The decision, which was fol-lowed by the leaders of Scottish and Northern Ireland police officers, means that the force will receive 10 per cent from September 1, subject to further negotiations on how the money should be paid.

Mr Jones Jardine, chairman of the federation, said it expected that the independent review into police pay would urgently consider the original chims for rises of between 78 per cent and 104 per cent.
The federation has told Mr Rees that it expects the review's findings to result in a fresh pay increase within the present wages round.

The Government has not yet

committed itself to such a pro-posal, which, unless the police are treated as a special case, would contravene the rule that

12 months must elapse between pay settlements. Talks at the Agricultural Wages Board aimed at achieving acceptable new pay rates for farm workers broke up in deadlock last night. The board will meet again on Friday to try to resolve the issue.

Hospital ward picketed

Pickets outside Whittingham Hospital, Preston, yesterday ad-rised union members nor to enter a close observation ward

Liberal call for four more Ulster

By Our Political Correspondent The injustice of Northern Ireland's under-representation in Parliament at Westminster must be rectified as quickly as possible, the Liberal Party states in its submission to the Speaker's Conference considering that question.

Mr Clement Freud, MP for the Isle of Ely and the party's spokesman on Northern Ireland. and Mr Michael Steed, presiand Mr Michael Steed, president-elect of the party, yesterday called for four more seats for the region. Northern Ireland's share of the total Westminster electorate entitles it to exactly 15 seats instead of the present 12. But the Liberals' aronosition is likely to run into proposition is likely to run into

They propose that there should be a new lour-member constituency, covering the constituency, covering the whole of Northern Ireland, with an election on the single transferable vote system of propor-tional representation.

That would be open to the criticism that for the present Parliament, at least, the electors of Northern Ireland would be having a second vote. It would also be seen as a first move leading to the adoption of proportional representation for the whole of the United Kingdom, a Liberal objective that has long been opposed by the two other main parties.

other main parties.

"The people of Northern Ireland are used to this single transferable vote system, which is much fairer and more suitable to political conditions than first-past-the-post" they say.

"Within a few weeks of the law being passed, a by-election should be held for the four new seats. Northern Ireland seats . . Northern Ireland could have its fair share of seats at Westminster within six months."

That would depend on the Speaker's Conference reporting quickly, and on the Government's support for legislation. In the present parliamentary situation it is not likely to be forthcoming.

Army says soldiers' living conditions in Belfast are being improved gradually

From Annabel Ferriman

Army living conditions in Northern Ireland are comparable to some of the worst thern Ireland, said yesterday.

He is seeking a meeting this week with Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Defence, to demand more accommodation to relieve overcrowding.

"They have got to spend more money. The worst problem is overcrowding and the claus-trophobic quarters. It is necessary to enlarge the space per man", he said.

Mr Neave's remarks came after recent complaints of serious congestion and substandard accommodation.

Army conditions in Belfast

vary from spacious to squalid. The luckiest soldiers are billeted The lucksest soldiers are indeted in the Grand Ceptral Hotel, which, despite torn linoleum and peeling paintwork, retains the large rooms and wide staircases of its elegant past.

The hotel was taken over by the Army in 1972 and 17 regiments have so far enjoyed such luxuries as a sauna bath, a gymnasium and squash courts.

a gymnasium and squash courts. Euch bedroom has a wash basin, and some have private bath rooms.

rooms.

In contrast, a crumbling Methodist mission hall and a converted public house provide cramped and dreary quarters for about sixty soldiers of 47 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, in the Markets district. in the Markets district.

Men are cooped up in stiple bunking, 12 to a room measuring 15ft by 12ft in the former public house, while 30 sleep in the draughty mission hall. Beds are only two or three feet apart, allowing little room for personal belongings and not much peace when trying to eleep.

sleep.

Battery Sergeant Major Paul
Miller said the worst aspect was
the lack of privacy. "I should
like to sit down somewhere

both are in urgent need of

graendment, according to a re-

port by the National Council

for Civil Liberties, published

It says that women who allege discrimination at work have had difficulty in deciding which Act is applicable.

The NCCL makes 35 detailed

no longer there for comparison. On the Sex Discrimination

Act, the report proposes that occe an applicant has proved tacts pointing to potential discrimination the burden of proof

skould shift to the employer to show that there had been none.

Amending the Equal Pay Act and the Sex Discrimination Act. (NCCL, 185 Kine's Cross Road, London, WC1, 50p.)

today.

quiet occasionally as everybody vided for the 60 men, and there

nerves living on top of each conter."

For such hours a lance bombadier in the battery.

Colds and contagious diseases married with three children. prisoner of war camps in the are another worry, and strict earns just over £40, from which last war, Mr Airey Neave, rules of bygiene have to be he has to pay £9.50 a week opposition spokesman on Nor- observed to prevent their rent for his army accommodation at Colchester. had to be sent on outdoor duty

to ensure that it did not go round the whole battery. Because of the mission hall's round the whole battery.

Because of the mission hall's age it has to be cleaned every three hours. Only four lavatories and four showers are pro-

does, but you just cannot do it. is only one pay telephone for People get on each other's the 30 soldiers in the mission.

Pay levels were producing a high attrition rate and a young

accommodation is bad, but only about 400 to 500 troops are in substandard accommodation. "There is a programme for

improving accommodation in Belfast, and people have been moved our of the smaller bases, which were very bad. We are very lucky in Northern Ireland because, almost without excep-

tion, we have got what we asked for in the way of money for accommodation or equipment from the Government. Where we can spend money to improve things we are doing

The judge said it seemed to him that Mr Bevan had been giving a lead to people at the

break the order but of inciting others to do so Earlier the judge criticized Mr Milsom over evidence he

simply was not even trying to simply was not even trying to tell the truth."

The judge expressed fears that the court was "being abused by being drawn into political activity". He said he would be comforted to know who was providing financial

mitted to prison.

Mr Julian Lewis, a party steward, refused to reveal the identity of the people who had offered to pay the legal bill if discuss reducing Scottish representation at Westminster to bring it into line with the English after devolution, he said.

"Instead of transferring the worst features of Westminster government to Scotland we the jailing attempt failed.

Mr Lewis agreed that he was "one of the guiding supports".

He had assured Mr Milsom that

The Methodist mission hall that serves as a barracks in Belfast.

Tory resistance to devolution attacked

cussion had surely now been exhausted, Mr Steel said.

"November, 1977 will be the month in which the West-

minster Parliament has its last

chance to decide whether to

provide Scotland with an acceptable form of internal

self-government, or face the inevitable pressure to break up the United Kingdom", he said.

He expected the second read-

ings of the two new Bills for devolution of powers to Scot-land and Wales, and the time-table motion on them, to be

in the observation unit last month. Management members are caring for patients in the junit. Changes urged Outdated attitudes by authorities blamed in Acts to

From Pearce Wright Science Editor

Whitehaven A parallel was drawn at the A paratter was drawn at the Windscale inquiry yesterday hetween the growing disaffection of the public over tower blocks of flats and the proposals to build a new plant for reprocessing waste nuclear fuel. Presenting the final submis-sion for the Political Ecology Research Group, Mr Peter Tay-for suggested the present plan

thus seen by the developers as earlifying a particular need, but in the end the public could turn against it because it offended their most fundamental needs. Mr Taylor said that somemarchers on the electronuclear road ordinary, decant people were sitting down and saying "Over my dead body you go or turn back". Unpalatable as that might be, it was a fact of life.

In Europe already, he said, a teacher had been killed because those behind could not bear to look back. "We in Britain at least, are not being purhed quite so hard." Mr Taylor orgued that much

British Nuclear Fuels' manage-British Auctear Fuels' manage-ment and the authorizing and controlling authorities with re-sponsibilities for public health and safety, such as the National Radiological Protection Soard an ' the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate

Inspectorate.

The difficulty, in his opinion, srose because Windscale grew from a requirement for defence purposes. The building of plants for handling commercial nucleur materials was an extension of those philosophies in design.

He believed that waste materials, particularly plutonium and someticium, could be retained rather than discarded, and expressed confidence in the design ability of British Nucleus.

than that, there was a suspicion that whoever made those deci-sions realized that such an awareness existed but could not understand it, and indeed had

of the difficulty in the nuclear no respect for it power debute lay in outdated attitudes and philosophies of for public concern was not just

Will you still

love me when

I'm sixty four?

It's a frightening fact that the old get lonelier as

they get older, simply because one by one their

friends die. It also gets progressively more difficult to

In reality, getting old can become a very lonely

wait, sitting huddled over a hot water bottle. The

only answer is to have somewhere nearby where

senior citizens can meet, share a chat and a cup of

tea; find they are not alone and be no bother to

To help answer this enormous need, Help the Aged

set up Day Centres. They are stafted by devoted people

and helped by volunteers who give their time and service for no payment. But it still costs money to build

them. This is where you can really help. Help the Aged's only source of money is from voluntary donations. You can be assured your donation will

be carefully used to make some old people here or

A donation of £25 provides much needed equipment

for a Centre: £5 will send 25 meals abroad, while

£150 will not only help a Day Centre, it will also put

the name of a loved one on the Dedication Plaque in

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Treasurer, the Rt. Hon. Lord Maybray-King, Help the

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abroad less lonely, cold and hungry.

the Day Centre.

for a particular purpose.

get about, and where can they go anyway?

protect women for discord over nuclear power By Our Legal Correspondent The sex discrimination and a feature of British Nuclear equal pay Acts should eventually merged, but until then

design ability of British Nuclear occanization was increased in Fuels to provide a satisfactory of the plant for retention.

The philosophy of disk transported in the provides are plant for provided with modern environmental awareness. Indeed, more than that, there was a suspicion of the plant for reprocessing the has other recommendations should be plant for reprocessing the has other recommendations should be plant for reprocessing the has other recommendations should be plant for reprocessing the has other recommendations should be plant for reprocessing the has other recommendations should be plant for reprocessing the has other recommendations should be plant for reprocessing the has other recommendations should be plant for reprocessing the has been plant for the pl

included a deferment of any decision until 1983, by which time investigations into the safety of oxide fuel reprocessing plants should be conducted. Sales prospects, page 20

Teenager drew knife on coloured man

A white teenager who was alleged to have pulled a knife atteged to have pulled a knife on a coloured man at the carnival at Notting Hill, London, was remanded on bail at Marylebone Magistrates' Court yesterday. Mr Roderick Romain, the magistrate, was told there were only three known incidents of whites, attacking blacks at the carnival.

Stephen Heffernau, aged 18, an accounts clerk, of Birch Hill, Bracknell, Berkshire, was found guilty of having a penknife as au offensive weapon. He was remanded on bail until Novem-ber 28 for social inquiry reports. A black Post Office engineer found guilty of assaulting the police as they closed in on rioters was also remanded on bail. Deveran Sandiford, aged 26, of Dornton Road, Balham, was alleged to have lashed out at line of policemen with

riot shields.
A coloured youth who was a coloured yould who was alleged to have brandished a knife and shouted "Kill the pigs, kill them all" when he joined rioters who chased a police sergeant was remanded on bail also. Arvel Ford, aged 18, a storeman, of Finnis Street, Berbual Green, was found guilty of threatening behaviour and having a 4j-inch-blade knife as an offensive weapon.

Fuels, but one of the reasons why the controlling bodies failed to act in the way be

The evolution of the nuclear industry had been such that managerial staff had moved on to the controlling bodies of national and international organizations. Thus they sat with other groups of experts and defined the codes of practice in which they helped to set the terms of reference for their old company to judge tice in which they helped to set the terms of reference for their old company to judge itself.

On the National Radiological Protection Board, he said the scientific expertise within the organization was introduced by a man and is paid organization was introduced by a man and is paid less than he was, but cannot are the Act because the man is

Addition by the Taylor was seeking a complete rejection of plans for reprocessing the had other recommendations about the principle be accepted. They

Rent defaulters 'should hand over benefits' By Our Local Government

Tenants who refuse to pay

their rent should be made to hand over unemployment, sickness and other benefits directly to their housing authority, the Association of District Cour states in a memorandum on the Government's recent consulta-It expresses regret that the

Green Paper contains no legislative proposals on the rowing problem of arrears, which has been a cause of concern to many housing authorities.".

refuses to pay his rent, in appropriate cases unemployment, sickness, and other benefits should be paid directly to the housing authority by agreement with the Department of Health and Social Security.

Continued resistance by the Conservative Party to Scottish

Conservative Party to Scottish devolution was condemned by Mr Steel, the Liberal leader, in a speech at Giffmock, Strathclyde, last night.

He said that though missionary work "still had to be done among some doubting Labour MPs, the greatest resistance.

ance came from the Tories,

who were rushing about wring-ing their bands, "requesting everyone to join in further and apparently limitless discussions on the subject".

5-day debate on

Oueen's speech

the first three days next week, it was amnounced yesterday (our Political Staff writes.

On Thursday next week there will be a general debate on the

economy of Ways and Means resolutions and a Bill on the pensioners' tax-free f.10 Christmas bonus will be before the House.

Such arrangements exist for supplementary benefits and could be extended. The power to make attachment of earnings orders should also be extended to cover rent payments.
On council housing provision generally, the association says that tenants, ratepayers and taxpayers have received taxpayers have received extremely good value for money from local authority

Where a tonant consistently management and maintenance

ban on fishing for Norway pout in a 240-mile stretch of the North Sea to protect future

He is now making an order outlawing, in a 90-mile-wide were being nexted.

Strip from the Orkney Islands south to the Moray Firth, smalling the mesh fishing for pout, which net faces prosecution.

Fears for immatuure stocks of cod haddock and whiting had arisen after the North Sea

Britain orders pout ban to protect white fish stocks Britain has ordered a total is processed into fish meal.

breeding stocks of white fish.

Mr Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, failed at EEC talks last week to get agreement to extend the existing ban.

harring ben earlier this year forced the Danes, in particular, to switch to Norway pout. Because of the heavy concentration of fishing in what is known as the "pout box", large quantities of young white fish

Long trials 'unsuited to jury system

Continued from page 1 needed more on the defence than on the prosecution side. He agreed, however, that another cause of protracted trials was that the prosecution tended to accuse too many defendants on

"It is very tempting, when they have a criminal enterprise uncovered with a large number of people involved in it to a greater or lesser extent, just to put a trawl in, pick up all the fish, big and small, and charge

That means that when the to the difficulty caused by long small that they can be actively employed for only a very small

percentage of the time."

It should be possible to separate the trials of the big and little fish, taking the worst ones first. All those whose opinious he respected thought smaller trials would be a signiopinions be respected thought smaller trials would be a significant step towards speedier and cheaper justice.

Lord Widgery, who was joined in giving evidence to the commission by Mr Justice Ackner, Mr Justice Arnold and Mr Justice Oliver, also referred

some kind of interest being shown by a person whose job it was to say: 'You are spending too much. Think again'."

That means that when the to the difficulty strials control of expenditure was small that they can be actively to the difficulty strials to jurors. 'We are getting too much. Think again'."

The Lord Chief Justice felt their own client's interest is so voive such an amal that they can be actively the control of expenditure was small that they can be actively the control of expenditure was small that they can be actively the control of expenditure was small that they can be actively to the difficulty to the "We are getting a significant numbers of these ultra-long trials which seem to me to involve such an expenditure of time and money that they are not really suitable for our system of trial by jury at all " he said He was concerned about the

tact that only certain limited classes of jurors could be picked for such trials: the single owner / businessman could not do it, nor could housewives with young children. "If we are not careful, we get a sort of professional julor clas of those who have the time and the occasion to

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Last quarter: November 4.
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11.4m (27.5fc). Dover, 1.29 am,
6.3m (20.6ft); 1.48 pm, 6.0m
(19.8t). Hull, 8.44 am, 6.5m
(21.5ff); 8.51 pm, 6.7m (21.8ft).
Liverpool, 1.43 am, 8.3m (27.2ft);
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A showery SW airstream covers A showery SW airstream covers the British Isles but further cloud and rain are expected to reach SW districts later. were being netted.

After the order any trawler

SW districts later.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, Central S Rugland,
Midlunds, N Wales: Showers,
sunny intervals, probably general
rain from W later; wind SW,
moderate or fresh; max temp 10*
to 13°C (50° to 55°F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S
Wales: Showers, bright intervals.
rain from W later; wind SW,
moderate, becoming S, fresh or
strong; max temp 10* to 12°C
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WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair;

Judge lifts jail threat to Labour Party man

A jail threat hanging over Mr Andrew Sevan the Labour Party's youth officer, was lifted by Mr Justice Peter Pain in the High Court yesterday. He ruled that Mr Bevan was not guilty of contempt of court over a legal ban on a meeting of the management committee of the New-ham, North-east, Labour Party. The judge told Mr Bevan that he was lucky and came out of the incident with no personal

credit. The move to jail Mr Bevan and six others was brought by Mr Patrick Milsom, a bus driver, who contended that they had defied a court injunction hanning a meeting of the general management committee on September 28.

Earlier the judge dismissed a contention that Mr Bevan broken the injunction. The order served on him had been defective because it did not indetective occause it did not in-clude a warning that he could be jailed for defying it, he said. Yesterday he rejected a second allegation, that Mr Bevan had incited others to break the others to do so." Since the hearing began four

Since the neurital proceedings ago committal proceedings against three other defendants have been dismissed and the action against a fourth dropped. The case against two more is

giving a tean to people at the meeting in a way in which he should not have done. If the order served on him had not been defective Mr Bevan would have been hard put to resist a finding of contempt.

But he continued: "There

was no material on which one could be substited beyond reasonable doubt that he was guilty, not merely of trying to

had given in court on Friday. He said: "He made the impression on me of someone who

who was providing financial backing for the application to have Mr Bevoll and others com-

he would not find himself in financial difficulties as a result

Writer challenges editor's prerogative

The rime for debate and dis- taken in the Commons within

By Our Political Staff

The Queen's Speech, outlining the Government's programme for the next session, will be debated in the Commons on Thursday and Political Staff

Mr. C. Gordon Tether, the decide what should or should former Financial Times column not go into the paper; his case missed 13 months ago and stacks was that that did not give him newspaper's assertion that as a the right to engage in unreason two questions from the tributation and practical staff of custom and practical staff of the paper; his case missed 13 months ago and stacks that that did not give him reinstatement, was unswering the debated in the Commons on matter of custom and practical staff of the paper; his case missed 13 months ago and stacks that that did not give him reinstatement, was unswering the debated in the Commons on matter of custom and practical staff of the paper; his case missed 13 months ago and stacks was that that did not give him reinstatement, was unswering the debated in the Commons on matter of custom and practical staff of the paper; his case missed 13 months ago and stacks was that the did not give him reinstatement, was unswering the debated in the Commons on matter of custom and practical staff of the paper; him the commons of the paper is a secretion that as a sec matter of "custom and prac-tice" the editor, Mr M. H. (Fredy) Fisher, had an absolute prerogative, which he needed to explain to no one and could exercise in any way he

Mr Tether, whose allegation of natair dismissal is, being heard by a Lendon industrial tribunal, agreed that the editor had to obviously had the power to of life.

to justify it. He did not accept that editors

lir Steel feared that some

of the decisions to be taken would be wrong. " For example,

the Government still refuses to

government to Scotland, we should instead be eager to

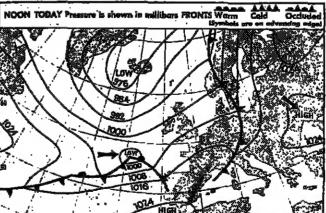
establish new and more-responsible patterns of demo-cracy", he said.

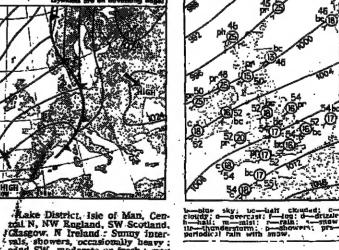
could, as a matter of custom and practice, change the terms of employment of their journalists for any reason whatsoever. They had to justify the reason-ableness of what they had done in the same way as employers had to do in every other walk

sole arbiter of what went into whether be contended that once a writer had gone on doing the same job for mony years the editor was bound by contract to allow him to go on doing

The hearing continues today.

Weather forecast and recordings





November forecast

Clasgow. N Ireland: Summy intervals, showers, occasionally heavy; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 9° to 11°C (48° to 52°F).

Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Showers, Sunny intervals; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 9° to 10°C (48° to 50°F).

Central Highlands, Argyll, NW, NE Scotland: Bright intervals, showers, occasionally heavy and wintry; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 7° to 9°C (45° to 48°F).

Orkney, Shetland: Bright intervals November forecast

The mereorological Office yesterday issued the following forecast for November: The month as a whole is likely to be characterized by stronger W flow than usual, especially in the N and some unsettled periods are expected, with a good deal of rain and strong to gale winds, more especially in the N. Interludes of relatively dry and quiet weather are, however, also likely, and are expected to last longer in the SE than elsewhere.

Mean temp is expected to be above average in Scotland, N Ireland, Wales and W England and near average cisewhere. Total rainfall is likely to be above average in N Scotland, below average in East Anglia and S and SE England, and near average elsewhere.

Gales are likely to be more free Orkney, Shetland: Bright intervals, showers, occasionally heavy; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Continuing unsertled, windy at times; temp about normal.

Gales are likely to be more frequent than usual in the N. and about average elsewhere. Frost and log may occur with average frequency in the SE but less frequently than usual in other "pm;" 76 per cent! Raid. 24hr to



County's initiative on bus services | Tasters give helps to keep down fares and halt loss in traffic

rom Michael Baily ransport Correspondent
"Lancashire Leads the Way" s the boast of that proud ounty in a leaflet explaining is public transport policies. eads are certainly needed to rapple with the spiral of ising fares and deteriorating errices as ear use, despite the nergy crisis and the asing ost of motoring continues to row, and buses become row, and buses become teadily costlier and emptier. The two counties best known or their initiatives in this natter are South Yorkshire on he left wing and Oxfordshire in the right. The former, seeag public transport as a social ervice, is giving subsidies to

Bur both have run into rouble: South Yorkshire because even its idealistic county councillors are beginning to admit privately that the burden

old and even expand its buses; he second is paring rate

upport to the bone by means if low-cost, village-based

A call for an immediate ban on the export of livestock to

Surope has been made by the RSPCA to Mr Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and

The society says EEC regula-

mimals for slaughter or further attening are totally unsatisfur-

ory and unenforceable.
In a report to Mr Silkin, the

RSPCA says the traffic in live animals is inhumane and

innecessary and adds that minials could equally well be exported after being slaughtered in Britain. That would considerably improve employment prospects in Britain in

16 per cent inflation; and operators and local communi-Lancashire's fares subsidy is ties.

rusning at £2.4m or £1.16 a But some new ones have been head of population, compared started: small-scale local initia-with South Yorkshire's £10m even in rural areas, and large schemes in development areas.

shire £320,000). .

taking over coordination of public transport in 1973 Laucashire found itself in a peculiarly complex situation. Not only, like other shire counties, did it have no direct control over bus operating, but it dealt with a very mixed bunch: the state-owned Ribble-operated rural and inter-town reperated rural and inter-town services, more than half a dozen fiercely independent municipal undertakings in large towns like Preston. Blackburn, and Lancaster, and some private sector operators,

rights, which it is prepared to youncillors are beginning to admit privately that the burden on the rates is becoming in admit privately that the burden on the rates is becoming in upportable; Oxford because the National Bus Company NBC) sees the county's lower stoutly resisted. Institute of services and, approach steed, the county opted for a steed, the county was set up approach. A team was set up approach in their own language. Market suttious, pragmatic approach was carried out to establish bus usage and customer need in relation to operators in agreed level of supports that the decline in public ransport image is being illustration of set of the county. Close working relationships are developed with operators, ago; this year's fere rise on the county network operated by Ribble, the NEC subsidiary.

**Substitute of the the county was to set up a passanger transport opted for a steep by steep, evolutionary in minimized buses which enjoyed higher patronage, and in some cases local subsidies.

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**Close working relation of service with county is county approach. And the four higher the four uniningi Suggestions by Labour opposi-tion on the council that the only way to get order out of this chaos was to set up a passanger transport authority to run the lot were stoutly resisted. In-

tions, its report explains, are ignored and sidestepped for two main reasons: the impos-

sibility of enforcement from Britain and the lack of super-

food and water, or a that was totally unsuitable

tives in rural areas, and large schemes in development areas-like Skelmersdale new town 200,000 or 36p a head (this like Skelmersdale new town. excludes concessionary fares Direct involvement with unions on which South Yorkshire was firmly avoided. That was spends another £6.2m, Lanceshire £1.25m, and Oxford-three £220,000).

A promising start has been pany management.

A promising surr has been

A promising start has been made in dissolving the vested interests, inherited operating rights, and jealously guarded boundaries that so bedevil attempts at coordination and rationalization.

Between Morecambe and Landard for the coordination and the coordination are considered to the coo

caster, for example, there is a 102-yard gap across which the municipal buses of neither place municipal buses of neither place may pass (under 1930 bus licens-ing agreements), although the two towns were merged under 1973 local government reorgani-zation. A third operator, Ribble, does have through rights, which it is prepared to yield, however, only for a large inancial sum.

Ban on all live animal exports sought The society says foreign importers of British hvestack are committing flagrant and repeated breaches of transport standards set by both Britain and the EEC. European regulations, its report explains are has not been defined, it says.
"We can do nothin then to protect our own animals beyond our stores", the report adds. "Only a complete ban on live exports for slaughter and for further announcement in July that the ministry was also investigating the livestock traffic. announcement in July that the ministry was also investigating the livestock traffic.

An EEC directive, which is due to come into force next year and which states that animals should not travel for longer than 24 hours without feeding or watering in a vehicle the most results mentically.

only few bouquets to cheap wine

By Robin Young Consumer Affairs

Correspondent
An increasing amount of bad wine is being sold in Britsin, and the customer spending less than £2.50 a bottle has only an even chance of choosing anything palasable. Those are the conclusions of Joseph Berkmann and Allan Hall after tasing £500 cheap bottles in the proparation of the 1978. Good Wine Guide.

The authors reckon to have

The authors reckon to have tried everything under £2.50 that is videly available in Britain, though they admit that some water they did not some wines they did not actually taste; the smell alone was enough to put them off.

The most common defect, they say, is age. "New methods of production make it necessary to drink most wines while they, are still young," the introduction to the book says, suggesting that a date of bouling should be put on the label of all pen-vintage wine.

In the provinces the researchers found that for every wine they were prepared to list as acceptable there was another "well below the standard". One reason was the "many out of candition bottles" on sale is shops where the wine had been badly stored.

The tasters claim to have "least over backwards to save

"leant over backwards to save a wine from being dismissed unfairly". Yet of 180 ordinary white wines tasted they rejected

113 totally. Clarer they thought best value for mouey. Of 153 tested, only 46 were rejected, and more were rated good or very good then in any other section. The Rhône provided some "out-standing vakie", but Spanish "plonk" was generally pre-ferred to French, with Italian "way behind".

Even some of the wines judged "acceptable" for inclusion in the book are then con-

demned with faint praise, or worse: For a 1973 Corbières from Peter Dominic, for example, the entry reads: "Old and dry. That's the bad news. Now for the good news: they haven't got much of it left." Full approval goes to a top 10 Hsr, which includes a Mus-cadet, a Yugoslav Cabernet and a Midi red at £1.39 each. Two a Midi red at 21.39 each. Two
of the top 10, claret and Asti
Spumante, come from Marks
and Spencer, relative newcomers to the wine market. Spar
groceries are similarly complimented for their Cabernet
d'Anjou, and Sainsbury for their



London's Lord Mayor-elect, Air Commodore Sir Peter Vanneck, with some Disney characters for the Lord Mayor's Show on November 12.

The bookselling business 4: Growth of clubs feared

Threat from possible end to price pact

By Ian Bradley

Three clouds bang over the stores into the bookselling busifuture of traditional bookshops ness is unlikely to have adverse in Britain: the entry of super-street and large stores into the bookselling business in Britain: In Britain: the entry of super-markets and large stores into the bookselling business, the increased activity of book clubs, and the possibility of the aboli-tion of resule brice maiorenance on books. The next few years are likely to show whether small bookstores will be able to withstand these threats and

stores have traditionaly kept out of books because of the low styck turnover. Any involve-ment has tended to be restric-ted to paperbacks. Woolworth went into paperback selling six years ago and has increased its turnover since then by 900 per

ternover since then by 900 per cent to over 13m a year.

Last year, however. Marks and Spencer started selling hardbacks specially published under its own brand name and covering cookery, animals, transport bistory, reference works and childen's interests. The books have sold well and have been extended to all

have been extended to all branches this year. mented for their Cabernet d'Anjou, and Sainsbury for their Beaune-de-Venise, Côtes du Rhône.

Good Wine Guide 1978 (Chantal Wine Publications, £2.25).

Tesco has also successfully moved into bookselling in the past two years. In May it increased to 69 the umber of its branches selling both hardbacks and paperbacks.

The large stores are unlikely to stray outside the very popular end of the market and will almost certainly sell to those who never visit bookshops.

Indeed, they may even stimu-Indeed, they may even stimu-late a greater interest in books generally and actually help the trade of bookshops. That has certainly been the case with W. H. Smith, who is by fer the biggest High Street outlet for books, with 12 per cent of the hardback market and 20 per cent of the paperback market in Britain. Bookshops normally regard proximity to Smith's as a considerable advantage for

could pose a more serious threat to the survival of bookshops. An estimated 15 per cent of the population belong to book clubs, which offer substantial discounts on recently published

What is worrying booksellers is the appearance in Britain of the Bertelsmann Book Club, a German firm which is already operating in 20 countries. Un-like British book clubs, which rely mostly on newspaper adver-tising, Bertelsmann recruits its

maintenance on books. In 1957, in the net book agreement, British publishers agreed that no books should be sold at discount prices. The Restrictive Trade Practices Court examined the experience in 1962, and the agreement in 1962 and decided it was in the public interest. In August Mr Hattersley, the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protec-tion, asked the Price Commis-sion to look into book prices and review the agreement.

of resale price majorenance on books. Certainly, many pub-lishers would like to see an end to the net book agreement. When Australia recently abolished price maintenance on books the effect was to increase the number of books sold and the number of titles published.

predicts that it would lead to people getting their books at a discount direct from publishers or central depots and mean "the end of traditional book-selling as we know it".

The most serious threat fac-ing booksellers is the possibility of the abolition of resale price

The Price Commission may well recommend the abolition

But for booksellers it could spell disaster. Mr Eric Bailey

Commission calls for restoration of Snowdon

Snowdon can be restored to something approaching its original natural beauty in four years if national responsibility within England and Wales is accepted for its present sorry state, a report by the Country-side Commission states.

The environmental blight on and around "Yr Wyddfa", caused by about 400,000 people a year treading its paths or riding to its summit on the mountain railway from Llanberis, has troubled conservationists and mountaineers for many years.

1972 the commission decided to study worn-out and dangerous footpaths and exces-sive litter, and a firm of con-sultants was hired to give sultants advice,

In its report, yesterday, the commission suggested that the first need was for the establishment of a

vice for visitors. "Because of the mountain's national importance, a signifi-cant part of the financial

cant part of the financial burden of its restoration, which should be undertaken quickly to remedy past neglect, must be accepted as a national responsibility in England and Wales", the report added.

The commission opposes any moves to restrict the number of visitors. Its main recommendations are that the Snowdonia National Park Committee douia National Park Committee should expand its "Yr Wyddfa" subcommittee and ask it to prepare a plan for a management service, which could rehabilitate footpaths as

could rehabilitate footpaths as a matter of ungency and provide general services to visitors and landowners.

There should be early negotiations by the national park committee in association with the rommission and the Wales Tourist Board on possible grunt aid to the Snowdon Mountain aid to the Snowdon Mountain sid to the Snowdon Mountain Railway Company to provide piped water, mains electricity, telephone, and improved sewer-age and litter collection services at the summit.

The report suggests that a new building on the summit of replace the necessarily came and overloaded one constructed many years ago by the Mountain Railway Company s a desirable long-term aim. Snowdon (Countryside Com-mission, free).

Search for chemical

The police are searching along the Sussex coast for bottles of bromine, a lethal chemical, thought to have gone overboard from a ship.

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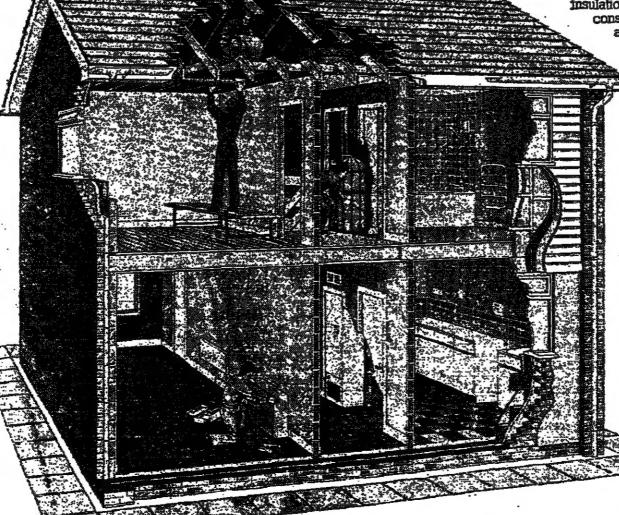
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Man accused of bank murder tried to hang himself, jury is told

tried to hang himself before he that the Crown maintained that eventually confessed to the kill-the shooting was deliberate ing, it was alleged at the Cen- The gun had been deliberately tral Criminal Court yesterday. loaded and cocked; the logical Mr Michael Corkery, for the prosecution, said Mr Hart's attempt, in a police cell, failed. few days later he had told them: "I did shoot the girl.

It was an accident." Mr Hart had said that he tried to commit suicide "be-cause of the murder, and because of the wife and kids". Mr Corkery alleged that Mr Hart, carrying a sawn-off couble-barrel shotgun, shot Miss Wooliscroft at point-black range after she bad hauded over £2,000 at a branch of Barclays Bank at Ham, near Richmond upon Thames, on November 10 last year.

accepted by the prosecution. Mr Corkery said Mr Hart had utilized to the police how he had gone into the bank with the loaded shotgun under his cuat. Before going in he had put on a black wig to make himself look like a Pakistani. At the counter he demanded

He had said that the girl seemed "ages and ages" and had added: "I knocked the glass partition and said: 'Hurry up.' The money dropped into the tray and the gun went off."

He was said to have added:
"I knew I hit the girl because she screamed. I just hoped she was wounded." In a statement later he was alleged to rive said he hoped to break ric glass. "The gun went off s the girl raised her head. She creamed. I had no intention of shooting anyone.

Michael John Hart, accused up, walked out of the bank and of murdering Augela Woolisback to the car." croft, aged 20, a bank clerk, Mr Corkery told the jury consequence was that it was deliberately fired.

Mr Corkery said that six days before the shooting Thomas Turner and Sons, a gunsmiths, of Whitley Street, Reading, was broken into and a 12-bore shorgun, a 22 pistol and a 32 revolver were stolen. Mr Hart sawed off the ends

and then drove to Kingston in

a Maxi car borrowed from a

garage, where his own car was being repaired. In the car park of Bentalls store he took an A40 car, which had been parked there earlier by a woman. He decided to use a mackintosh and a pair of sun glasses, which had been left in her Car. Counsel said that when Mr November 10 last year.

Mr Hart, aged 38, formerly of Sr Peter's Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire, has pleaded nor guilty to murder. His plea of guilty to manslaughter was not guilty to manslaughter was not darkened. When the shorgum darkened when the shorgum to the five the f was fired, it blusted the five-eighths inch thick glass par-tition, particles of which went into Miss Wooiscroft's body. She also had pellets in her

> Mr. Carkery said that January 23 Mr Hart asked the nolice to seend for his wife and brother-in-law. He ws aslleged to have said: "I did shoot the girl. It was an accident."
> When his wife arrived Mr
> Hart caught hold of her hands
> and said: "It was an accident. I am sorry about the publicity.

I done it love. Mrs Doreen Doggett, a bank clerk, said she saw Miss Wolliscroft fall. She added: "She seemed to slide down to the floor. I saw a man standing on the other side of the counter closes to the partition, which was shuttered. I saw the hole in the glass, realized it was a "When I came buck to my gun and dropped to the floor senses I realized there was opposite my desk." money in the tray. I picked it The trial continues today.

Couple on 13 charges after car siege

night. The charges included assaulting the Chief Constable of Tayside.

Mr David Smith, procurator Air David Smith, procurator fiscal, said later in a prepared statement that George McTagart Morrison was charged nione with four offences of the fit by housebreaking, a contravention of the Firearms Act, and Det Constable Hans Miler.

Social Services Correspondent

for Social Services, is expected to leave hospital today after

four days' observation for a sus-

nected thrombosis in the leg.

Mr Ennals, Secretary of State

A man and a girl appeared in private before Sheriff John Christie in Dundee yesterday to face 13 charges after a car siege in the city on Friday with assault and robbery and five charges of assault. No addresses were given for the

that it was not as serious as thought when he was strained to Westminster Hospitalist. Friday.

engagements only in London for a time, and will not travel to Harrogate as planned tomorrow

He is expected to fulfil

Scottish rail and road links severed by storms

Many parts of Britain were badly affected yesterday by gales and floods, which closed damaged property.

Scotland suffered par-ticularly. All road links with England, except the east coast A1, were impassable for a time. Some roads were under 3ft of water. The Glasgow to London rail route was closed because of damage to the electrical system near Lockerbie. It was not expected to reopen until of both barrels of the shotgun

The alternative route through Kilmarnock was also closed because of flooding, although it reopened later. All early morning trains to England were cancelled and later trains were diversed through Edinburgh and Newcastle upon Tyne. After tenants on an estate at Bowhill, near Selkirk, had been cut off by flood water a helicopter was sent from the RAF station at Boulmer. Northumballed as a bulmer. berland, to take them to safety.

Parts of Wales, Cumbria and
the West Country were under
water and most parts of the
country were affected either by heavy storms or by gales. Many

trees were brought down, blocking roads. Coastguards reported a force 12 gales off the Lizard. Cornwall, and a gust of 70 knots at the Needles, Isle of Wight. Lorries were diverted from many roads because of high winds, and 40 mph speed limits were imposed. were imposed.

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In Sussex tiles were torustrom buildings at Brighton, Hastings and Eastbourne, and some shop windows were blown in. High seas damaged beach huts. Early ferry services between the Isle of Wight and the mainland were delayed.

In Combined and landelide. In Cumbria a landslide blocked the railway line berween Workington and White-haven. The centre of the storm was Keswick, where 5.2 inches of rain fell in 24

The Greta overflowed its

banks and the lakes of Bas-senthwaite and Derwentweter were virtually linked. Keswick Grammar School had to be closed because of flooding. In North Wales the village of In North Wales the village of Llanberis at the foot of Snowdon was bady affected. Forty homes and shops were flooded when streams overflowed. A Russian seaman is belived to have drowned in Falmouth harbour after being washed overboard during a storm on Sunday night. He was the mate of the Soviet tug Jaguar, which was standing by a Soviet floating dock in harbour for repairs.

Hospital's subnormal patients were dirty and poorly clothed, suspended consultant says

Subnormal patients at Nor-mansfield Hopsitla, Teddington, were dirty, smelly and poorly chither, a public inquiry in London yesterday was told by D. Terence Lawlor, the consultant in charge.

He was suspended from his post as consultant psychiatrist in subnormality at Normans-field in May last year after staff unrest. Dr Lawlor was giving evidence at the inquiry set up by Mr Ennals, Secretary of tSate for Social Services. Dr Lawlor, aged 53, of Wimbledon, said he was apointed to Normansfield in December, 1970. Cross-examined by Mr Philip Otton,

QC, for the Treasury olicitor. Dr Lawlor agreed that by the time he was suspended senior staff members had left. While he was at Normans-field there was a gradual deterioration in his relationships with sections of the nurs-ing staff. They complained about his attitude, and he about their competence.

Some senior nurses circulated

a petition about his attitude.
Eventually, senior nurses
decided that although they
were part of the bospitals

phone-in plan

An experimental adoption

phone-in counselling service
has proved so successful that
it is being extended to cover
nine new areas from Greater
London to the Isle of Wight.

The service, sponsored jointly by several children's charities, offers free and confidential advice to people unwilling to approach formal agencies such as local authorities or adoption concerts.

The first two adoption phone in " services began 18

"phone-in" services began 18 months ago in Surrey and Sussex. Other schemes opened up not long afterwards north of the Thames, in the South-west, the Midlands and the North-east. All have been used continually by people anxious to know about adoption services, particularly since the Children Act, 1975, has changed the law. The service is being extended from today to cover Greater

The service is being extended from today to cover Greater London, Essex, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Surrey, Kent, East and West Sussex. The telephone will be manned five hours a day every weekday, and posters advertising the service will be displayed in clinics, doctors' surgeries, libraries, town halls and senior schools.

adoption

By Our Social Services

management process they if he admitted that Normans-would seek the support of their field had had its back broken trade union the Confederation and whether he acknowledged of Health Service Employees (Cohse).

Mr Otton: "They did so because they believed that without resorting to their trade union they could not expect to gain any improvement change in your basic attitude? Dr Lawlor: "The general thrust of the nursing officers' complaint was that they wanted to act more autonomously and have a for greater say, almost a complete say, in taking patients out of the hospital on various trips without medical

Dr Lawlor said an unofficial sarike by Cohse members had resulted in his suspension. It was true, he said, that he was pended because of a union's activity, and he would not be

Dr Lawlor said that during the every ne was consultent psychiatrist the hospital had acquired a bad name in cer-tain customs and a good one in others. He was not aware of its having a bad name in its

By Penny Symon

Almost the first case with
which Mr Robert Rhodes James
had to deal after being elected
Conservative MP for Cambridge
last December was that of a
couple who had been denied
access to their grandchildren,
whose parents had been killed.

Apart from a wardship
application to the High Court,
which was far beyond their
means and unlikely to succeed,
they had no legal remedy. Mr
Rhodes James saw that he
had found a serious deficiency
in family law that is a source

in family law that is a source of dee phuman anguish.

His Guardianship (Amendment) Bill, which he introduced into the Commons in July, would enable grandparents to apply to a imagistrates, or comparents for series.

parents to apply to a magistrates' or country court for such access. The court's paramount concern would be the child's well-being.

Mr Rhodes James said yesterday that hundreds of cases had come to light aince his first investigation. A national petition in support of his Bill was no wheing circulated.

"The commonest case is where one of the marriage partners dies, and the surviving one remarries. The new partner resents the first partner's parents, and decides to use the children as a weapon, refusing to allow them to see their grandparents", he said.

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"It is possible for the marriage partners dies, and the surviving one remarries. The new partner resents the first partner's parents, and decides to use the children as a weapon, refusing to allow them to see their grandparents."

Move to close loophole in

law on choice of school

right of grandparents

Extension of Bill will help access

any responsibility for that state of affairs. Dr Lawlor replied:
"Yes, I do. My long-rerus strategy was sound, but the immediate ractics I adopted were

He had decided to treed werely at first and be every-going by letting people find their way themselves. Dr Law-ler was asked if in his relationthip with other people irside the hospited he contributed in eny way to the breakdown of the hospital. He replied: "I think that

conflict that occurred be ween me and other medical and para-medical staff and, to a lesser extent, the administrative staff connot be attributed to personality clashes; the term which is thrown about. It can be attributed to the fact that people's respective positions were not made clear when I first went

He denied that he had alien-ated people who were keen to contribute to the well-being of Mr Otton said evidence had been given that conditions for Normansfield patients were

there was a divorce, or when grandparents had brought a child up but were then refused access by the parents. They had no legat right to access. The only course was to apply to the High Court, but that was a long and expensive business. Mr Rhodes James said he had heard of cases where grandparents would stand out

grandparents would stand out side the child's school just to

side the child's school just to carch a glimpse, but then received solicitors' letters requesting them not to.

The Bill would allow for access to be applied for in a smaller and friendhier atmosphere. It has all-party support, and welfare officers have asked Mr Rhodes James to consider extending its scone

to consider extending its scope to other relatives, such as uncles and aunts, although he thinks that ni the first instance the Bill should be limited to

grandparents.
"It has been suggested to me

"It has been suggested to me that there should be a major revision of family law and the establishment of specialized courts. I appreciate the strength of the argument, but that is beyond the purposes of my Bill."

It is possible that the Coverment will smend the

Government will amend the Guardianship of Minors Acts, 1971, and 1973 along the lines of Mr Rhodes James's Bill. If

rhat is not possible, he says he will reintroduce the Bill at

worse than those for black Africans in hospitals for the mentally handicapped in Rio-desia in the 1960s, "Have you ever known such a staggering indictment to be made of any other psychiatric hospital in want experience?

Dr Lawlor replied : " It would be staggering if it were cor-

Mr Octon said it had been said that during Dr Lawlor's penure of office conditions at Normansfield were such that it was as if Dickeus had come alive again in the 1970s. Dr Lawlor: "I put that re-

mark in the same category as a press report which described Normansfield as a workhouse I reject it ". He agreed that people had

told the inquiry that Normans-field was a dirty hospital with filthy wards. Patients had been described as dirty, smelly and with teeth in a fearful state of care. There were other allega-tions that patients were clothed in an undignified manner. Dr Lawlor said that was nor the picture the whole time be was at Normansfield. But be agreed that it was a fair description by the time he left. The inquiry continues today.

Assurance on

Humberside

From Ronald Kershaw

Hull

Life sentence soldier cleared

January 23.

In brief

to £100,000

Man's bail raised

Lewis Altman, a London stockbroker, accused with others

of currency offences involving the transfer of 300,000 shares

in Peachey Properties, had his bail increased at Guildhall Jus-

tice-Rooms yesterday by £25,000 to £100,000.

Mr Ahman, aged 59, of Will-borough Road, Birchington, Kent, and Robert Carnes, aged

31, of Jameson Street, Kensington, London, together with Lewis Altman & Co. Tricommerce Ltd. and EIC Eurosecuri

ties Ltd. whose managing direc-

tor. Eric David Kohn, a'so

named in the charges, is said to be abroad, are all on trial summarily and has pleaded not

guilty.
The hearing continues on

A young soldier jailed for life for murder after rivalry between two Scottish regiments had erupted into violence outside a German beer hall was cleared by the Court of Appeal vesterday. yesterday.
Private William Leslie Porter.

aged 19, of the 1st Battalion. The Queen's Own Highlanders, who was convicted at a court martial at Munster, West Germany, on September 17 last year of murdering an Argyll and Sutherland Highlander, had his conviction quashed and septence set aside.

roadbuilding Man sees killing of daughter

Mr John Baker, aged 82, of Mr John Baker, aged 82, of Berengrave Lane, Rainham, Kent, was forced to sit in a chair while intruders beat his daughter to death on Sunday Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, climbed a swaying carwalk to the top of the 500ft North Bank Tower of the Humber Bridge yesterday in a high wind that prevented the bridgebuilders operating. He returned to earth to give an assurance that road programmes supporting the bridge project would be completed in time for the opening in March, 1979, and to dismiss suggestions that the Government had ever thought of subsidizing the running of the £58.6m project when it is completed.

That was the undisted total

daughter to death on Sunday night, it was disclosed yesterday and the police yesterday launched a bunt for the two masked raiders.

The men burst through the back door of the house and forced Mr Baker into a chair. He was made to watch as his daughter Miss Violet Baker, aged 38, was viciously attacked. Nothing is believed to have been taken.

Broadmoor for knife attacker

That was the updated total cost five months ago. Another meeting of the Humber Bridge Board in about a month's time is expected to raise the figure. The cost was estimated at £11.6m when the project was approved in 1958. The increases are largely due to inflation. Mr Rodgers pointed out yes-terday that as an advertisement for British bridge-building it

was bound to pay off in export terms. It was, he said, "s mag-nificent structure and a tribute to British engineering". The bridge, near Hessle, on the north bank of the Humber five miles west of Hull, crosses to Barton-on-Humber. Its main span is 4,626ft (1,410 metres) which is the longest in the world, beating the Varrazzno Narrows bridge in New York by 112 metres. in each hand.

Damages for Lord Foot

Lord Foot, chairman of the United kingdom Immigrant Advisory Service, and Mr John Emals, its full-time director, accepted undisclosed damages and costs yesterday in settle-ment of a High Court libel action against Private Eye, the satirical magazine

are largely due to inflation.

satirical magazine.
Mr Charles Gray, their counsel, rold Mr Justice O'Connor that they had brought the action to "clear their names of series of nasty insimuations". Esther Rantzen.

Raymond Mckenzie Ander-son, of Nutbrook Street, Peckham, London, was committed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to Broadmoor after pleading guilty on the ground of diminished responsibility to the manslaughter of Mr Harry Hobbs, aged 75, and the mulicious wounding of three other neemle.

people.
The court was told that after his mental condition de-teriorated he bought two fish gutting knives and sharpened the 10-inch blades because he said afterwards, he "wanted to leave scars". He went into the streets of Peckham with a knife

Motorway ruling later

Judgment was reserved in the High Court yesterday on a move to quash the decision of the Secretary of State for the Environment giving permission for the proposed M 40 and M42 motorway proposals on the outskirts of Birmingham.

Mr Desmond Wilcox

Mrs Patricia Rosemary
Wilcox, wife of Mr Desmond
Wilcox, a BBC executive, of
Lichfield Road, Kew Gardens,
London, was granted a decrea
nisi in London yesterday hecause of his adultery with Miss
Esther Rangan.

His first official engagement will be to serve lunches to clderly and disabled people at a day centre in Wandsworth, London, before renewing nationally his "good neighbour campaign" in the afternoon. Under-Secretary of Mr Ennals's department declined yesterday to discuss

Mr Ennals leaves hospital to be a 'good neighbour'

to take part in a discussion on policy for the elderly at the Age Concern conference. His place will be taken by Mr State for Social Security.

Mr Eanals's Junch-serving

engagement today is one of in the activities of mentally several being undertaken by departmental ministers to support the reduncting of the good maighbour campaign. He is scheduled to serve lunch from a wheelchair, help with the washing up and then sit in at the day of State for the Disabled, is centre's information room, answering inquiries from elderly and disabled people.

Mr Moyle, Minister of State for Realth, visited a training centre and social club in his constituency of Lewisham, before going to Bermondsery to shop for a pensioner. Mr Orme, Minister for Social Security, will mend a tap for a pensioner in Camden Town. centre's information room, answering inquiries from elderly and disabled people.

Mr Moyle, Minister of State for Health, visited a training centre and social club in his constituency of Lewisham, London, last night to take part

Poisonous waste left in street for 28 months

A lorry containing 47 drums of dangerous industrial waste was left parked in a Wolverhampton street for 28 months, posing a hazard for children, it was stated at Wolverhampton

Crown Court yesterday.
Mr John Field-Evans, QC. for the prosecution said some of the acid might have found its way into drinking supplies.
Two companies and two men
all admitted depositing poisonous industrial waste liable to
cause an environmental bazard.

The Aqua Descaling Company, of Wolverhampton, was fined a total of £2,000 with £1,000 costs and the Metro Waste Disposal Company, also of Wolverhampton, £2,250 with £500 costs. Ronald McCrum, aged 42, of Burbage, Hinckley, Leicestershire, was given a 12-mooth sentence, suspended for two years, with a £400 fine, and Horace Milbourne, aged 44, a driver, of Albrighton, near Wolverhampton, a six-month sentence, suspended for two years, with a £300 fine.

cillors says in a report to be presented to the association's executive council romorrow. Several county councils have reported to the association cases of parents who, having refused to take up a place at a school allocated to them, have appealed unsuccessfully under section 68 of the 1944 Education Act to the Secretary of State to intervene on their behalf, but

By Diana Geddes Education Correspondent

A loophole in the law is giv-

ing some parents an unfair

advantage in choice of school,

the education committee of the Association of County Coun-

then succeeded in getting the school of their choice through the Secretary of State's inter-vention under section 37. Section 68 enables the Secretary of State, on receiving a complaint to direct a local edu-cation authority in the performance of its duties where he or she is satisfied that the authority or the school gov-ernors have acted, or are proposing to act, unreasonably.

Parents' complaints that their
child is being sent to an inap-

propriate school do not often satisfy the requirement of un-reasonableness by the local authority. But if the parent then refuses to send his child to the school allocated to him the local authority may, under section 37, serve a school attendance order, but must give the parent an opportunity of selecting the school. If the authority feels that the school chosen is unsuitable, or

would involve unreasonable expense, it may apply to the Secretary of State for a direction determining what school is to be named. In several cases the Secre-

tary of State has directed that the school named in the order must be that originally requested by the parent. That gives those parents an unfair advantage, the association's education committee says.

The association's executive council is expected to ratify the education committee's call for amending legislation, Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education, is known to be sym-

Crossman diaries reflect royal love of wrestling embritious and inordinately weak,", the Prime Minister rold Mr Crossman. "So weak that as Chanceflor he used to weep on

By Alan Hamilton

One of the Queen's favourite sports is all-in wrestling, the late Richard Crossman discloses in the third volume of his revealing Cabinet diaries, published yesterday.

Mr Crossman, then Secretary of State for Social Services, hastens to explain that her entinesiasm extends only to the television screen. He describes a Privy Council meeting at which the Queen, writing, twisting turning, and relaxed, graphically reenacted a bout the Duke of Edinburgh had been present.

"Do you want a royal their of the Crossman inquired." No, not yet", the Queen replied.

Mr Crossman war the intellement.

the Queen replied.

Mr Crossman, ever the invellectual elitist and self-confessed republican, later admitted that he and the Queen were uncomforrable in one another's company, as were the other leading Commet republicans, Mrs Barbara Castle and Mr Roy Jenkins. Not so Sir Harold

Wilson.
"He is a steady loyalist and, roughly speaking, it is true that it is the professional classes who in this sense are radical who in this sense are rangar and the working class notadists; who are by and large staunchly r narchist." Two of the staunchest working class loyalists of the time were Mr Callaghan and Mr Fred (now

Lord) Peart. But the Prime Minister of the day apparently did not have the same imqualified admira-tion for the man who was destined to succeed him. In

May, 1968, after Mr Callaghan had made a particularly forward speech to the firemen's union Sir Harold confided to the discist: "That fellow's getting above lamself. We must

Some months later Six. Harold was convinced that Mr. Callaghan was plotting against him to create a position favour-

chanceflor he used to weep on my shoulder and then go away and intrigue against me."

Mr. Crossman's own view of the future leader of the party is kinder; in 1969 be wrote that Mr. Calleghan, Mrs. Castle and Sir Harold were the only people of any stature in the Cabinet. Although exhausted and nearly physically broken by his term as Chancellor. Mr. Calleghan recovered to make an ourstanding job of the Home Office, presenting himself as a plain-style man of the people who would have no nonsense, and openly challenging the position of Sir Barold.

"Iim can be two-faced, but his fault is perhaps that he does far too much talking for a really successful Marchiavellian polincian, round the smoking

really successful Machiavellian politician, round the smoking room, round the smoking room, round the smoking room, round the smoking away with all the boys. The diaries reveal that it was Sir Harold's original intention to exclude Mr Callaghan from his "hiner Cabinet", although he was finally persuaded otherwise. There was almost universal praise for the Home Secremany's handling, of the early stages of the Ulster crisis, and the sending in of British troops; the only dissenter was Sir Harold, who was apparently most upwilling to give Mr most unwilling to give Mr. Callaghan the credit.

Mr. Crossman is micre
Renerous. He describes Mr. Callaghan's Ulster visit of September, 1969, as the only
successful displamatic episode in these five years of a Labour government, a ope-man suc-

Callaghan and Crossman were two of a kind. "So here we have Jim, the one man who sands up to the Prime Wins stands up to the Prime: Minster because his loyalty is not in question, the two be old mention to speak.

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Councils in the North-east to lobby for 'fair deal'

The move is accompanied by neighbours, are lukewarm a realignment of loyalties in about the idea. the North, with the county of the North, with the county of A draft constitution drawn Cumbria switching its sights up by chief officers of the five towards the North-west rather counties will be considered by than the North-east.

The overall situation is significant for the Government because opposition from many northern MPs to Scottish devo-

lution was instrumental in defeating the last Bill. Leaders of three of the five a combined voice in view of corthern region counties, threats posed to it by Scottish northern region counties, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and Durham, are sup-porting a proposed northern counties association to provide a powerful lobby for a high unemployment area which fears that Scottish devolution would siphon off an unfair share of government aid.

The support of Cumbria and Cleveland, the other two counties that make up the Government's definition of the

northern region, is less likely. Cumbria will aknost certainly stay out. The county council is

month and is setting up its

With reference to new devolution proposals for Scot-land and Wales expected in the Queen's speech on Thursday, local authorities in the North-east are forming a "political muscle" group to secure a fair deal for their industries and has fewer area.

The move is accompanied by A recent paper by Mr Peter Aviolation of Cumbria and County Council, suggested that the county should "go north-west". Cleveland councillors, whose territory contains prosperus chemical and oil-based industries and has fewer economic difficulties than its neighbours.

committees and full councils during the next few weeks. Lord Ridley, chairman of the Conservative-controlled Northumberland County Council, told me he supported the idea because the North-east needed

devolution. The new body could provide forum without the necessity for some sort of elected regional government. He thought the three counties of the "old North-east" could operate together successfully even if Cumbria and

Cleveland stayed out.
The formation of the new body and probable withdrawal of Cumbria has posed questions about the future of the North of England Development stay out. The county council is Council, which spends more poised already to withdraw than £400,000 a year promoting from the half government the region, with a £250,000 financed North of England Development Council later this £200,000 subscribed by the five counties. Its chairman is Lord Glenamara, Edward Short. formerly

Regional report

John Chartres Newcastle upon Type

Cumbria has been paying £27,000 a year to the NEDC and £5,000 a year as a member of the North-west Industrial Development Association.
Cumbria councillors often say
that they "get nothing out of "
the NEDC. Councillor George Fishburn,

Councillor George Fishburn, the Labour leader of Dutham county, was also reported recently as saying that he would pull out of NEDC "tomorrow", but emphasized that that was his personal view and not that of the council.

Lord Ridley said the new body and the NEDC could be council mentary, although he complementary, although he thought the NEDC's role should be redefined, wim less involvement in politics and a bigger concentration on promo-

Mr John Hobbs, aged 37, a former journalist and directors of the NEDC, whose operational style has been criticized by the old guard of politicians in the North-east, said he did not see any serious threat to the development council, although Cumbrie's withdrawal would be regretted. He thought would be regretted. He thought

a misunderstanding about Durham's attitude had been
cleared up.
Lord Glenamera issued a
statement recently asking
Cumbris County Council to
"mink again" and saying it
would be a tragedy if it left
the NEDC. A recommendation
that it should do so is don to that it should do so is due to be ratified by the full condcil on November 16. on November 16.

In his paper presented to Cumbria's finance and priorities committee hast week. Mr Naylor said that despite many genuine efforts to regard-Cumbria as "part of the family" the people in the Northeast historically and in other ways regarded the county as an appendage rather than an investal part of the region. integral part of the region.
The finance and priorities committee, which reaffirmed

its opposition to any form of elected regional government, is to recommend the county to press for Cumbris to be regarded as a "subregion" for government planning, and if that fails, for it to be regarded as part of the North-west rather than the North. At present some central government agencies and nationalized industries cover-

ing Cumbria operate from Newcastle upon Type and Manchester, and the county has felt at a disadvantage from the regional planning point of view ever since it was created out of the old Cumberland, Westable to his succession to the leadership. "He is inordinately morland and parts of Lanca

ach press

WEST EUROPE____

French police looking with envy at the resources enjoyed by their West German counterparts

the last of three safebreakers breakers, a policeman opened whose attempt on the station at Fontenay-le-Fleury, Yvelines, last Friday led to police gunfire in which one police officer. It was found that the safewas killed and another serious breakers, when there were

two other incidents in which victed burglars out of prison French police officers were on short leave passes. shot and wounded. At Toudents were hit while giving tested that prison leave was chase to a member of an armed gang they were rounding up. In Paris an inspector other crimes.

The pulice were called to the station where the safebreakers were at work. There was dense fog 50 they split into three groups and moved in on the station.

From Our Owr Correspondent

Paris, Oct 31

Police in Versailles today pector. Believing it must have form of a leaflet being pushed took in a man they believe is come from one of the safe through two million letter

ly wounded.

On the same day there were of them were found to be convicted burglars our of prison

West German industrialist, The union wants to see a bave been noticing with envy stronger force better equipped the range of equipment and in more pleasant police stations resources of their German and integrated into the iown

through two million letter boxes in the Paris area. It says that there are now fewer police on the beat than there last Friday led to police gunfire in which one police officer
was killed another seriously wounded.

The thriday led to police gunkilled another inspector.

Were five years ago—for exambreakers, when they were
time duty in the Sixth Arrondissement compared to 24 in

In 15 out of 20 districts. on short leave passes.

The police superintendent's be interviewed in the same room as prisoners and at least half of the police stations date from the first half of the last used by criminals to carry out other crimes.

St Denis, the police station is equipped with two 20-year-old typewriters and the motorised the police groups moving in on the station were inadeouately because the station were station were inadeouately because the station were station

escape after a raid on a jeweller's shop.

These incidents have coincided with a campaign by one
of the main police unions, the
Syndicat Général de la Police,
to draw attention to the undermanning and working conditions of the force.

The tragic incident at Fortenay could be a case in point.

The police were called to the
Station where the safebreakers

the police groups moving in on
the station were inadequately
equipped to keep in touch with
each other. Moreover they
were nervous because of the
likelihood, as shown by the incidents in Paris and Toulouse,
that the criminals they were
staking were armed.

French police searching for
the kidnappers and murders of
The police were called to the
Station where the safebreakers

West German industrialist,

The union wants to see a

Held in Hamburg, left: Hans-Jürgen Wilsdorf; held in London: Jürgen Petersen.

German held in London over kidnap

By Our Foreign Staff Jürgen Petersen, a 25-year-old West German sought in con-nexion with the kidnapping of a four-year-old boy in Hamburg

West German police in Ham-burg arrested Hans-Jürgen nothin Wilsdorf in connexion with the kidnapping. Herr Wilsdorf, said.

who is 26, was detained at his divorced wife's flat.

The boy who was kidnapped on September 17, Felix Wessel, was the nephew of Ulrich Wessel, a terrorist killed when

the West German Embassy in

Stockholm was attacked in April, 1975. A ransom of £260,000 was paid for the boy's

release.

The arrest in London came after Scotland Yard officers, helped by Inspector Peter Reichard, of the German police, had spent several days checking London hotels.

Herr Petersen booked into the Royal Fagle Hotel on Thursday. last month, was detained in Reichard, of the German police, London on Sunday night by officers of Scotland Yard's London hotels.

extradition squad. He was found at a hotel in Craven. Royal Eagle Hotel on Thursday Road, Bayswater.

Peter Jensen. According to hotel staff he "looked shabby", but nothing more was heard of him. "He was a quiet guest", one

He did not eat or drink in the hotel and he received neither

visitors nor telephone calls.

"He certainly was not flashing money around."

Yesterday morning two Special Branch detectives called at the hotel and showed the staff some photographs. One member of the staff thought she recognized Herr Petersen, but

he was out. When he returned to the hotel in the afternoon, a telephone call was made and the two detectives, accompanied by the

German police officer, returned to the hotel. They went to Herr Petersen's room, made the arrest and led

their prisoner, who was in band-cuffs, to a waiting police car. The police also took away a 3.5 litre Rover coupé left in the hotel car park.

'Indian summer' traffic jams on French roads From Our Own Correspondent

Historian to meet man

said to be Hitler's son

Bonn, Oct 31.—Dr Werner children were born of unknown Maser, a German historian who fathers between 1917 and 1918. claims to have discovered a Another man, Mr Albert Leroy,

French son of Adolf Hitler, left a railwayman, was once believed

his home in Speyer, in the locally to be Hitler's son be-

Rhineland today to see again cause his mother had worked the man he maintains Hiller at the German army canteen.—had fathered when he was a soldier in France in 1918.

He refused to disclose where the meeting was to take place.

The Sunday Times, which first published Dr Maser's claim, reported that the son, named Jean Lorret, lived "somewhere near the German

border in northern France".

The West German newspaper

Bild Zeitung said that he lived in St Quentin. The Paris newspaper L'Aurore said that he hyes in Wavrin, near Lille.

Dr Maser's claim was greeted with interest but some scepticism in Germany. "Did Hitler have a son?", asked the Essen newspaper Neue Ruhr Zeitung on its front page.

The Bild Zeitung said:
"Lorret has an incurable sickness and knows he must die."

Mr. Lorret's claim is also

Mr Lorret's claim is also viewed sceptically by the popu-

Tempted by the fine weather of the lingering Indian summer, French families have fled the cities to spend the four-day All Saints' holiday in the countryside. Traffic leaving Paris over the weekend was 40 per cent higher than for the same period last year. An estimated five million neople went the continuing problem of inmated five million people went

Getting out of the capital proved difficult with traffic on three-lane motorways taking up to three hours to cover the first 30 miles. Traffic jams were also bad in the provinces, especially so-th of Orleans and near Le Mans.

was of very good quality. This the cost of food distribution early start means that skiers will be considered by M should expect this year a Barre's "council of war." seven-month season.

Tomorrow families go tradi-

tionally to the cemetery to honour their dead. M Jacques Chirac, the Mayor of Paris, has set up a free bus service this year inside the city's buge cemeteries, to help the elderly.
"Canay bison", the boy
scout code name for advice

given to motorists to avoid trouble, is suggesting that people should not try to make the journey back until Wednesday, if possible. bance.--Reuter.

for the weekend are already

Jean Lorret: Doubts

work is to resume on Wednesday, M Bacre, the Prime Minister is likely to call a "council of war" of senior ministers on that day to tackle the continuing problem of inflation. Cost of living figures announced on Friday show prices rising at the rate of 9.7 per ceru over the west—0.2 per per ceut over the year-0.2 per cent more than was pessimisti-cally expected and 3 per cent more than the torget figure set by M Barre when he intro-duced his plan a year ago.

There was an early rush to the ski slopes round Tignes, Val Thorens and Deux Alpes, with queues forming for the lifts up to the runs at more freeze is expected, but it is than 6,000ft, where the snow was of very good quality. This the cost of food distribution was of very good quality. This the cost of food distribution

mission, using abusive language, and creating a public distur-

French press Britain may cut more Algeria to find hostages

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, October 31

France has been increasing diplomatic pressure on Algeria to do more to secure the release of the French hostages held by the Polisario rebels in the Western Sahara. Yesterday President Giscard d'Estaing sent a personal message to President Boumediene through

M Guy de Commines, the French Ambassador to Algeria. The ambassador spent more than an hour with the President explaining the message and seeking to convey the urgency felt in France over the affair. He made it clear that France would be reluctant to use its troops, now on stand-by alert, to intervene in Mauritania, but underlined the need for more to be done in Algeria to locate

and free the hostages.

The failure of the International Red Cross to make conract so far with any competent authority was mentioned, and President Boumediene was left in no doubt that there was a real danger of a deterioration in the relationship between the

Scandinavian flights By Arthur Reed

Copenhagen.
In reply, the British Government ruled that the Scandinavian airline SAS could not fly into Glasgow airport, but must use Prestwick instead, and that on its Copenhagen-Manchester-Dublin service it could no longer pick up fare-paying pas-sengers at Manchester for Dublin, ner at Dublin for Manchester.

It is unusual for such a dis-pute to reach the stage where air services are interfered with. Efforts to settle it can be expected at diplomatic level in both London and Copenhagen. The speculation in London last night was that the Govern-ment would be prepared to curtail services by SAS still farther if the Danes did not allow the British airline to

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent
A dispute between Britain and
Denmark over air services led
to the cutting back of certain
flights yesterday.
British Midland, the Derbybased independent airline, has
been told by the Danes that
It cannot open a new route to
Concenhagen.

The British case rests on the
fact that the service which
Midland wanted to
start from Birmingham with
the first flight due to leave
yesterday, is allowed for in the
air services agreement between
Britain and Denmark.
British Midland received a
licence to operate it from the

licence to operate it from the Civil Aviation Authority in London two years ago and decided in September to put in into use. Approval from the Danish Government was expected to be a formality, and the sirling went sheed with the sirline went ahead with advertising and the opening of a sales office in Copenhagen.

Mr Michael Bishop, manag-ing director of British Midland, said yesterday that they had spent about £30,000 on setting up the service and had already taken 100 bookings.

Copenhagen, Oct 31.—The Danish Government was awaiting a British response today to its call for negotiations to settle the dispute. Mr Kjeld Olesen, the Danish Minister of Transport, said: "There is no other way out of this except negotiations".—AP.

Dutch kidnappers 'amateur criminals' police believe

Amsterdam, Oct 31.—The that although a political motive kidnappers of Mr Maurits was not being ruled out, the

Mr Caransa, aged 61, was bundled into a car soon after he left his bridge club in central Amsterdam early last

Friday.
Telephone callers claiming to be members of the Baader-Meinhof Red Army group have said they were responsible, but police are treating it as a criminal rather than a political

kidnapping A Government

Amsterdam, Oct 31.—The kidnappers of Mr Maurits Caransa, a wealthy Dutch property dealer, remained silent today despite an appeal from his family to make contact.

Police said there had been no response so far to the appeal yesterday through the Dutch news agency ANP.

"We have heard nothing from the kidnappers and still don't know where Mr Caransa is being held or by whom", police said.

Mr Caransa, aged 61, was that although a political motive was not being ruled out, the abduction was beginning to look like the work of "rather amateurish criminals".

Police denied a report in the Amsterdam daily De Telegraaf that they were concentrating their inquiries on groups of Yugoslavs living in Holland.

The paper also said the kidnappers escaped with their victim in a stolen red Fist Polski car equipped with a 10-channel radio receiver and telephone. telephone.

Police confirmed that they were seeing a red Fist stolen from a butcher at nearby Diemen who, as a volunteer fireman, had installed communication equipment in the

deportation to a concentration camp during the Nazi occupa-tion of Holland by going into hiding.—Reuter, UPI and AP.

16 sailors feared lost in Bay of Biscay storm

Brest, Oct 31.—Ten sailors were known to have drowned and six were missing today after the sinking of the Greek cargo ship Tina in the Bay of Biscay, the French Coastguard radio station reported. Five members of the crew

were rescued from the stormy Atlantic but 10 bodies were also found.
The ship sent out a distress signal just after 5 am while 105 miles north-west of Corunna in Spain.—UPI.

die in plane crash

Varese. Italy, Oct 31.-Four Swiss holidaymakers, including a child, were killed when their

private aircraft on its way from Lugano to Venice, crashed

into a wall near here and burst into flames, the police said.—

Four holidaymakers

Warsaw, Oct 31.—Three Polish members of Amnesty International hav ebeen fined the equivalent of £83 each by a Warsay court for collecting signatures for an Amnesty petition in a public place without per-



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Rhodesian guerrilla leaders give Lord Carver cold shoulder in surprisingly brief discussions

Lord Carver and the nationalist for Rhodesia, and Mr Stephen leaders Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe lasted just to Zambia. over an hour. They had been intended to extend over two

reporters: "They lasted longer than we expected. We thought Lord Carver, as a military man, would say everything he had to say in three minutes. But he took a little longer."

pendence, went into the meeting having already publicly rejected Lord Carver's proposed role as commissioner-designate for Rhodesia. After the talks, Mr Nkomo reported: "I said that Lord Carver has (proposed) powers that no person on this globe has ever had." Lord Carver, at his side, listened impassively.

Under the peace proposals, Lord Carver would be all Nkono have insisted that they powerful in Rhodesia during a six-month interim period leading to free elections. A joint fer of power to blacks have statement after roday's meeting been settled.

British spokesmen had indicated that Lord Carver would say everything he had to say in three minutes. But he took a little longer."

Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo, who head the Patriotic Front fighting for Rhodesia's independence, went into the meeting having already nublicity.

Sain there had been he discussions. "We don't recognize Lord Carver as a Commissioner designate." Mr Gumbo said. "We recognize him as a messenger of Dr David Owen. We had a meeting with him as a representative of the British Covernment."

Lord Carver arrived in Tanzania earlier in the day and had talks with President Nyerere, a leader of the five African "front line" states in the confrontation with Rhodesia.
Diplomats said that Britain Diplomats said that Britain appeared to have misjudged the mond of the nationalists. Both Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo have insisted that they will not accept a ceasefire until all other details of the trans-

Dar es Salgam, Oct 31.—Black Rhodesian guerrilla leaders an exchange of views and an exchange of CHVOYS.

Lord Cerver and General Chand are expected to encounter stiff would discuss the military side opposition to any move to discuss the Anglo-United States of the Anglo-United States plan, but but Mr Rugare forces as envisaged by the Gumbo, for the Patriotic Front, said there had been no discuspeaceful transition to black

Zambia, a principal base for went on a war footing with Rhodesia in May. Until this weekend the worst cross-border incident had occurred at Chirundu, north of Lake Kariba, in July when a Rhodesian frontier post was reported to have been subjected to

said that the Zambian Army gun and small arms attack over the Zambezi on a police and

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on the island of Mustique on Sunday with Princess Margaret and Mr and Mrs

Royal visit marred by downpour

Some outdoor evenis were moved because of the mud.

The rain caused power curs time to fly over the royal yacht, some 35 miles off Barbiroughout the island. Tourists who had left outlying hotels had been slightly worried by a small dip in the airport runcturanted. Water poured way which, they thought, through the roof of one of the island's lucaury houels. Many schools chosed. in spire of transport difficul-ties, however, more chan a thousand people named out at the airport to wanth the land-ing of the Concorde which will fly the Queen home on Wed-nesday. Mr Adams, the Prime Minister, brought his children to wanth the supersymic jet.

Concorde made a noisy entrance to the applicuse of the

An inspection inside the air-craft revealed that the Queen will travel in less luxurious style than that to which she is

commercial service quickly.

A small cabin, the depth of two cows of seats, has been set aside in the middle of the aircraft for the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. One of the rows has been turned round and a table placed in front of it, to make a four-seat dining

A number of seats in the rear have been removed, reducing capacity from 100 pessengers to 45. This was pertly to offset the surcraft's tendency to be heavy towards the tail, and partly to save final

Prince's tour

phone threat

of America

ends with

The editorial is evidence of the agreement among politicians of both parties about externel threats to the security of South Africa and Namibia.

Knowing that it has the support of all the white voters for its rough animale on the external threat, the Government is expected to harden the tough line it has aiready taken on Namibia and Rhodesia. It is already being hinted that South African cooperation on a Rhodesia esthement and negonating Namibia's independents will depend on the outcome of will depend on the outcome of the United Nation Security Council debase on the same

Pretoria fear

of aggressive

by guerrillas
From Eric Marsden

Military experts were today studying reports of the week-end clash with a black guerrilla force on the Angola-Namibia border, amid speculation that the South-West Africa Peoples' Organization (Swapo)

may be adopting a more aggressive policy.

The guerrillas had been fairly passive for a year and almost always sought to avoid

clashes with South African forces in the Angola border

area in the last few weeks, though, there has been a tash of skirmishes, sometimes

of skirmishes, sometimes several in a day, culminating in the 36-hour weekend battle in which, according to South Africa, 61 black insurgents and

Africa, 61 black insurgents and six South Africans died.

A defence spokesman in Pretoria said it was not known why Swapo had suddenly decided to send 80 men across the border. They had never crossed in such numbers before. Then, he suggested, the guerrillas may have found they had got into a fight that was not easy to break off.

An editorial in the Johannes-

An editorial in the Johannes South African minary pre-sence "the guerrillas, armed to the teeth with modern wea-

pointy, would invade the country in large numbers during the transition period." in Namibia.

This would leave Namibua's

incoming Government at the mercy of the guerrills forces

and a negotiated settlement with the West's blessing would not be worth the paper it was

new stance

Johannesburg, Oct 31

San Francisco, Oct 31.—An anonymous threat against the Prince of Wales delayed his departure for Sydney last night by nearly two hours.

The scheduled flight by Qantas Airlines departed after a check was made on the 300 passengers in the Boeing 747 jumbo jet and all luggage on board was inspected. republic.

If the emphasis at the United Nations is on economic sanctions, South Africa Is emphasizing ther side-effects will be felt not only by the United States and European countries with fragile economies, but by African states that rely on South Africa economically while attacking it politically. These include Mozambique, Botswata, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zambia. numbo jet and all luggage on board was inspected.

Mr John Dauth, a spokesman for Prince Charles, said the threat had been telephoned to the San Mateo county sheriff, He did not elaborate. American State Department officials assigned to guard the Prince would not confirm that a threat had been made, although they would not confirm that a threat had been made, although they indicated that precautions were taken before the airliner took off

Ex-CIA chief sentenced

young ladies, including Miss Richard Helms, the former Pamela South a performer with the San Francisco Opera Company, whom he mer backstage contest." to a misdemeanour Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director, pleaded "no contest," to a misdemeanour charge of failing to give a Senate committee full answers in 1973 about the CIA's role in Chile, the Justice Department said today. He received a suspended minimum sentence.

Tax rise in Israel sets off 24-hour strike

Tel Aviv, Oct 31.—Airport, dock and factory workers staged a 24-hour strike today in protest against the Government's economic reforms, raising the sales tax and devaluing the Israeli pound.

In Jeruszlem, the Knesset opened a debate on the reforms which were announced on Friday. The Communist Hadash Party was to introduce a motion of no-confidence that was doomed to failure because

The welkout by meistrenance men of El Al, the Israeli air-line, left 2,500 passengers stranded at Ben-Gurion airport,

Historiut, the trade union federation, threatened a general strike to protest against the 25 per cent rise in fuel prices, reduced government subsidies on basic foods and an increase from 8 to 12 per tent

Histadrut's strike coordinating committee, said. "We are under very strong pressure from the workers to take much more extreme moves."

At the banks, which opened after a day's delay, the pound rate to the United States dol-lar was set between 15.15 and 15.50 pounds—a 45 per cent drop from the rate of 10.56 on drop from the race of 10.56 on Friday. The stock market remained closed for the second successive day and will reopen tomorrow.—UPI.

From Patrick Brogan

Washington, Oct 31

of Geneva talks delay

found American officials more once negotiations with the once negotiation with th

Allon said that although "bison of granting Israel "minor adjustments" to the 1967 press shead with the conference, it was better to give all sides a breathing space now the force bringing them together. He refused to criticize Mr Begin's Government directly, and quoted a recent speech by "minor", and he said, "I want big minor adjustments".

Mr Yigal Allon, the former lity of the street lity

lecember.
In a broadcast interview yesZhioniew Brze-

the conference could convene in January or February. Mr Allon said that although "his of

terday, Mr Zbigniew Brze-zinski, President Carter's National Security Adviser, said

Egypt looks to Britain to meet arms needs

By Henry Stanbope
Defence Correspondent
Britain is on the brink of
becoming Egypt's most important arms supplier in the West,
with the general approved of
the United Swies.
Sources in London lest night
decided reports of a forthcome Sources in Liamon less tagat denied reports of a forthcom-ing multi-million pound Anglo-Egyptian erms package, and there is still a great deal of there is still a great deal of uncertainty. But prospects are now looking brighter for a number of negotiations which have been continuing for several years between British firms and President Sadar's Government and one or two others have been quietly completed in negetiments.

others have been quietly completed in recent months.

Recent contracts include one achieved by Vosper-Thorny-croft who are to overhaul the Egyptian Navy's aging Russian-built missile boats. Still more important is the deal under which British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce are helping to refurbish the Egyptian Air Force's MiG-21 aircraft.

Now there is a very real pro-

Force's MiG-21 aircraft.

Now there is a very real prospect that the long negotiations with Westland Helicopters will reach a happy conclusion by the end of the year, with Westland helping the Egyptians to set up their own production line to make up to 250 Lynz belicopters.

production lines in Egypt, one for the Hawk jet trainer aircraft and the other for the Swingfire anti-tank missile. About £20m worth of Swingfires have already been bought

Mr Allon welcomes US hint | Torture 'routine

the Israeli Prime Minister which he said showed flexibi-lity on Israel's future bound-

Mr Allon, who is here to attend a meeting of the World Jewish Congress, denounced

the joint American-Soviet statement which mentioned the "legitimate rights" of the Palestinians, but without heat.

President Carter has spoken of grapting Israel "minor

contract.

The Egyptians are certainly anxious to make use of Western expertise to fill the gap left when President Sadat broke away from his Soviet suppliers. A shortage of spares has crippled much of the Russian equipment and Western technology is now being urgently sought to put this equipment back into service.

The success of President Sadat's moderate policies could

equipment back into service.

The success of President Sadat's moderate policies could well depend upon whether he can put this equipment into working order, since many in the Egyptian armed forces are still critical of the split with the Soviet Union.

It is because of this that Presidear Carter would be happy to see Britain or France supplying Egyptian needs as long as these do not entail unsetting the balance in the Middle East. The United States would find it almost impossible to help the Egyptians on the same scale because of its commitment to Israel and the powerful Jewish lobby in Washington.

Visit abandoned: The British nuclear submarine Dreadnought has given up waiting to pass through the Suez Canal and is on its way back through the Mediterranean, it was learnt last might.

The Royal Navy has been

marine's planned visit to Iran, the Indian Ocean and the Far East because the Egyptians were rejuctant to allow a vessel powered by a nuclear reactor to enter the canal. The Dreadnought is returning to the North Atlantic, after waiting at the north end of the canal

practice'

in Morocco

By Our Foreign Staff

Torture appeared to be a routine practice of security police in Morocco during the

interrogation of political pris-oners, Amnesty International reported yesterday. This was indicated by the consistency of

reports by victims, their rela-tives, lawyers, doctors and for-

Torture was inflicted " mainly

to terrify and humiliste the detainees, but also to extract confessions and gain information about their political activities and associates, the report

said.

In July, 1977, there were more than 200 political prisoners in Morocco who had been tried and sentenced, and several hun-

dred more detained without trial, the report added.

Morocco (Amnesty International, 8-15 Southempton St, London, WC2E 7HF; 40p).

Emigré praise for Helsinki pact

By Our Diplomatic Staff

A majority of emigré dissidents from East Europe believe that the Helsinki Final Act, an inquiry conducted by the magazine Index on Cansorship like Andrei Amelrik and Vladimir Bukovsky were conspicuously much more pessimistic.

All those questioned, however, were unanimous in 2001.

Mr Bukovsky, the biologist agreement and its Final Act, who spent 12 years in prison, such strong movements for civil and human rights could comp and now Byes in Eng. In a tologist such strong movements for civil and human rights could comp and now Byes in Eng. In a tologist such strong movements for civil and human rights could comp and now Byes in Eng. In a tologist such strong movements for civil and human rights could comp and now Byes in Eng. In a tologist such strong movements for civil and human rights could be well and in the conscisions, in the Soviets had suffered their first genuine ideological and political defeat.

Wives appeal: In a telephone call from Moscow yesterday manions in the USSR."

But however much of a Irina Orlow the wives of two of All those questioned, however, were unanimous in commending President Carter's stand on human rights.

Mr Amelrik, the historian and author of Will the Soviet Union Survive Until 1984? who now lives in Washington, felt that for the West, the part of the Helsinki agreement covering human rights, cultural exchanges and freedom of communication was a face-saving device that had enabled the Soviet Union to make shem concessions.

of victory

in mountains

Nairobi, Oct 31.—Somali in-surgents say they smashed the Ethiopian Army's first offen-sive against them in the moun-tains of eastern Ethiopia at the

quoted the guerrilla newspaper Danab as saying that 320 Ethiopian troops were killed and nine captures, in fierce fighting in the Babile region. It said the surviving Ethiopians

fled, abandoning ammunition and other material.

Diptomatic sources in Ethio-

pia and Djibouri said that Soviet MiGs, ranks and rocket artillery and some Cuban advisers had been rushed to Harer and to Dire Dawa, which

the guerrillas also want to

Danab elso said that in a separate clash the Somalis last week had killed 105 Ethiopian

militiamen attempting to take a bridge on the vital rail line linking the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa with newly

The fighting took place about 60 miles west of Dire Dawa, the newspaper said.— Reuter and UPI.

independent Djibouti.

Mogadishu radio

But however much of a fiasto detense had been for them personally, the East European emigres were in the main convinced that, as one Czech put it, things would be worse without it. worse without it."

A common view, well put by Mr Leszek Kolakowski, the Polish Marxist philosopher now lecturing at Oxford, was that the Helsinki agreement had encouraged East Europeans to voice their human rights.

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The Royal Navy has been forced to schanded the Submarine's clanued visit to Iran.

Prince Charles was ending a 12-day visit to the United States during which he attracted the attention of scores of easier

Madras, Oct 31.—More than 600 people were arrested in six cities in the south Indian state of Tamil Nedu at the weekend in violent demonstrations against the visit of Mrs Gandhi, the former Prime Minister. The state government has ordered a judicial inquiry into the violence.

the violence. Two people were killed when police opened fire on crowds in Madras, scene of the worst disturbances. At least 100 were burt in clashes end 15 injured policemen were taken to hospital

Mrs Gandhi's motor procession was attacked at Modurui, 300 miles south of Madrus, on Saturday. She was unituat, though several supporters were injured in a bail of stones, bottles and shoes.

Somali claim Violent protests at Gandhi visit end in 600 arrests

The demonstrations were organized by the Dravidian Welfare League (DMK) which governed the same for nine years until it was dismissed by Mrs Gandhi in January, 1976, under her internal emergency.

Pakistan law'inhuman'

To village families, Cambodian leaders are remote and anonymous

Karachi, Oct 31.—A group of 41 Pakistani intellectuals called today for abolition of Islamic punishments such as amputation, introduced by the mertial law authorities. They said such punishment was inhuman, and the aim of revenge by deterrence was our

and the Dark was supported by the Dravida Kachagain and the Maraist Communist Party of Indian boycott classes

the Marnist Communist Party of dudia.

In Hyderabad today, Mrs Gandhi expressed sorrow at the death of the demonstrators, but told journalists that she was going shead with plaumed visits to Karoacaka and Andhra Pradesh starting tomorrow.

She said the Janata Government wanted to defame leaders of the former rolling Congress Party. They want to get rid of me because they can't keep me quiet—Reuter.

and social reorganization.

Mesowhile, the military government uniquenced in Islamabad that it had reopened by the deposed Bhutto Govern-ment.—Agence France-Presse.

together next year to celebrate together. Miss South said afterwards with a sigh: He's so eligible and I'm so eligible. Reuter. He security risk of bringing him to trial on a felony charge.—UPI. 87,000 Soweto students

Johannesburg, Oct 31.—Students in the black rownship of many or elementary school Soweto defied a government pupils.

Lass week the Department of Soweto defied a government property of lose the year. Principals Bantu Education and the said that their schools were used aircraft to drop leaflets outside

after a Saturday performance.

She told reporters that she had waited for years to tell the Prince that they shared birth days. November 14—and the Prince told her they should get together next was in calculated.

Some students appeared at schools but left when they saw that a majority were continu-ing the boycott.

About 87,000 pupils were boscoring classes to protest against Bantu education. Enroughout South Africa about 390,000 black students are boycoming classes in the pro-

The boycott began in August when 27,000 Soweto secondary school pupils walked out of their classes. They were joined

on black rownships outside Johannesburg and Pretoria.

They warned students that if they did not report for school examinations today they would be a present the state of the have to repeat the school year. They blamed intimidators for the continuing boycott. Mr Jasp Strydom, the regional director of Bantu education in Johannesburg, said over the weekend that most seventh grade students were prepared to take examinations.

AP and Agence France-Presse.

Mr Sadat tries to enlist Shah as emissary to US

Teheran, Oct 31.—President sion with Mr Sadat, the Sadat, of Egypt, arrived in Tesources said.

heran today on the second stop of 2 three-nation tour aimed at was expected to ask the Shah was expected to ask the Shah a peace conference in Geneva. two days of talks with President Ceausesct in Bucharest.

During the weekend he said he was using President Ceausescu as a go-between with Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minis-

delegation in Teheran said Mr Sadat also planned to spend time with Iranian officials dis-

Mr Sedat was to begin talks 15 and will be carrying with not want the conference to him the results of his discus- drag on for 25 years." —UPI.

bringing Arabs and Israelis to make a presentation on his a peace conference in Geneva. behalf in Washington regarding

was using President Ceausescu as a go-between with Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, who met the Romanian leader two months ago.

Sources close to the Sadar forecful plea on his own to

In Romania, Mr Sadat said time with Iranian officials discussing the Ogaden conflict in the Horn of Africa, as well as the situation in the Middle East. The visit was expected to last 1 day before he leaves for Saudi Arabia.

In Romana, Mr Sadar Kand, the Sadar Consescu briefent Cemesescu briefent Cemese "As I told President Ceau-Mr Sedat was to begin late with the Shah of Iran late to Geneva unless good preparations. The Shah is due to meet to Geneva unless good preparations are made, because it do

afraid of the sea. He was only abraid of the sea. He was only worded that they would meet Cambodian soldiers. He and his sister gave the reasons for their feer of soldiers in a long conversation through a sympathetic and patient interpreter. It was the first time, they said, that anyone had asked them to tall of their lives. tell of their lives.

Since the communist victory in 1975 black-uniformed sol-diers had become the personification of authority in their lives, replacing parents, older brothers and sisters, teachers and buddhist monks. They lived in or near the same village as their parents, but were as separated from them as the perents were from each other most of the time.

Khieng and Kuy worked in the same group but slept in different houses, Khieng with the boys and Kuy with the girls. Their father, Hong Lok Heng, slept with one of the men's groups and their mother, who was not strong enough to do was not strong enough to do Kong province, a region that heavy field work, with the traditionally lived on fishing aged and feeble.

Asked when their day from 6 am to 10 pm every day, thought for a while then

with two rest periods. The agreed that it was with the front of his companion, and The worst days in his village attendance at the raily was children aged from 6 to 15 second crowing of the cock, was left in an unconstitute began when bodraggied groups mandatory. For a month before finished their work day at 6 before dawn. They had to line heap. Usually, the boy said, the of people, driven out of Phenon Hong Lok Reng began to independ a month or seeing twas in People after the communist conswer potences from his own received food twice a day, but was called and then they were spend a month or tall with quest of the capital, began to garden, an act which is freeless than their elders. Adults assigned their day's work.

With great difficulty and by pm. The youngsters also received food twice a day, but less than their elders. Adults were given half a small condensed-milk can of food on each occasion and the children received a small bowl of food

The contents were generally the same: a soup of sweet potatoes, leaves from or the pulp of the trunks of banana trees and a little rice. Sometimes, Khieng said, the soup tasted slightly of fish, but he was never lucky enough to

in the paddy and sweet potano fields or in digging irrigation ditches and small dams, a national affort heavily emphasized by the Government in Phnom Penh. The boys group was supervised by a woman soldier, the girls by a man. Khieng and Kuy said most of their supervisors frightened them and the other children by their harshuess and readiness to kick or whip them for

His father and his brotherin-law, Roems Chhay, said
they sometimes received a littile fish but it was always
rotten. They recalled ment on
the occasion of the Cambodian
new year but never sugar.
They were lucky, they said,
that most of the time there
was sait. Their village, Sre
Ambel, is near the sea in Koh
Kong province, a region that
iness to kick or whip them for
the slightest cause.
The family fled on the day
through a group of solwith a krife. The group leader,
Kuy recalled with no sign of
emotion, made all the girls
view the disembowelled body.
Khieng mad a boy caught

removed only during working Westered by their long devious routes the two men much and cruelly mistreated, led their wives and children to Politics were not presched to

the children, however. Asked who the leaders of Cambodia were, brother and sister answered with the names of their respective group chiefs and said they knew no one The children's father and

heard two names as the leaders of Cambodia, President Khien Sampiran and Pol Pot, the Prime Minister. They knew no others, they said, and never heard the voice or seen pictures of either of the leaders, nor of anyone higher than their district chief.

emotion, made all the girls. Their village had been under view the disembowelled body. The control of the communist:

Khieng and a boy caught rebels since 1971, but life did stealing sweet poranes—all the not reach its present grimness boys did, he said—was beaten: until 1975, Hong Lok Heng about the bead with bicycle the children's 50-year-old wrenches by two soldiers in father, said.

hard and unacoustomed work hidden, with four sacks of on little food. Those who could sweet potatoes, jars of drink-stand it became very thin ing water, some pots and their those who could not died like scant clothes.

so of those who could not died like scant clothes. They set off late at night, one Hong Lok Heng's fishing the men and the younger launch was confiscated in 1975.

and Thinking even then of fleeing, had he traded his bicycle for a Thailand.

the rowing boat, which he controlled the bidder cealed under water, changing arises in most accounts of the lost people, was to keep the children from never son-in-law, a soldier under under crying and giving away their pictures, confidence earlier this year, In the Cambadians case, this resident ion Nol, into his hiding place.

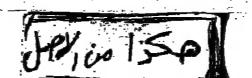
confidence earlier this year. In the Cambodians case, this they decided to flee during the was repeated every day for political rally, that would make seven days. The man said they the people of the district on gave the youngeters places of sugar other to sack and, the the rice harvest.

Younger man added: We

their children, as everyone's Service...

the rice harvest.

They chose that occasion kissed them when they wanted because both couples would be to dry and caressed them a briefly reunired and would see he New York Times News



in China

crimes

proclamations there.

for political

Peking Oct 31.—At least 23 people have been executed in the south-western Chinese city

of Kunming for mornly political crimes, according to court

The executions were the

The spokesman said the reports were nature and reiterated that, once investigations were finished, the four men would be dealt with under men would be dean win under international laws and conven-tions. However, it is not clear whether Singapore has the legal right to try the bijackers for a crime committed over Vietnam.

Vietnam.

The Air Vietnam DC3 was seized minutes after it had taken off from Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) on a domestic flight. Soon afterwards the flight engineer and radio officer were killed.

Foreign Ministry sources said the hijackers initially asked to stay in Singapore but were turned down and now are seeking asylum in the United States

The Singapore Government seems to be taking a tough stand against the hijackers, especially in view of the killing of the two crew men. How-ever, Singapore might still return the four to Vietnam, althought there is no extradition

treaty between the two countries.
In Hongkong, captain Derry
Pearce, president of the International Federation of Airline
Pilots' Associations, sent a
message today to President
Benjamin Sheares of Singapore
asking that the provisions of
The Hague and Montreal conventions on air piracy be
surictly applied to the hijackers.
He also sent a message to He also sent a message to President Ton Duc Thang, of Victnam, saying that his federation was "ctively seeking the cooperation of all nations in an attempt to rid the world of

holding a referendum, either on the Quebec issue or on other constitutional matters that the Italian climber

killed in

Ottawa, Oct 31

from Canada.

its own referendum on the

question of Quebec's separation

Canadians are still trying to digest the implications of the Prime Minister's unexpected statement. In the meantime,

Mr Trudeau has been doing

After first telling the Com-

mons that the Government in-tended to introduce legislation that would permit a referen-

dum, he modified this to say the enabling legislation would be introduced "if we get the cooperation of the opposition parties". The federal opposi-

tion parties have taken a wait-

Mr Trudesu also raised the possibility that the special vote might be held in Quebec only, rather than Consda as a whole as he at first intimated. At no

time has the Prime Minister formally committed himself to

some back-pedalling.

and-see attitude.

Himalayas fall Katmandu, Oct 31.—An Italian Himalayan expedition twice climbed the 24,763ft

the Nepalese. Foreign Ministry announced may.

The expedition's two groups were not using oxygen and took

were not using oxygen and took
the most dangerous route, the
ministry said.
While descending, Luigino
Henry, aged 36, slipped 300
yards and fell into a deep
crevasse, being killed instantly.
Another member of the team crimes of violence against civil seriously injured his leg.—aviation".

Agence France-Presse.

Round the world in 54 hours

San Francisco. Oct 31-A sensers had paid \$3,333 (about Pan American World Airways
Boeing 747 carrying 150 passengers landed here last night
after flying round the world in
a record 54 hours, 7 minutes.

The flight sliced more than

The flight sliced more than

The flight sliced more than eight bours off the old record of 52 hours 27 minutes set by a Boeing 70° cargo jet in 1965. The Pan Am jet travelled more than 25,000 miles and crossed the North and South Poles during the journey.

Twenty-two first class passes ing the journey.

Twenty-two first class past time.—Reuter.

From Our Correspondent years
Melbourne, Oct 31
The Australian Labour Party omist. Annapurna 3 peak, but lost its deputy leader on October 23,

new department of aconomic development.

of nationwide vote on Quebec enabling Tegislation would federation drew a predictable cover.

Rather, he talks about the Quebec people to decide the need to equip the federal authofuture of Quebec." Mr Lévesque

> More surprising and perhaps more significant, the opposition parties in the provincial assembly, all federalist, rallied behind the principle of Quebec's right to decide its own future.

Mr Levesque used historical precedent to back up his argu-ment. When Newfoundland joined Canada in 1949, he noted, it was on the basis of a referendum in which only the Newfoundland people took part. The whole idea of a federal referendum has negative conno-tations in Quebec. During the Second World War, a plebiscite was held on whether milizary conscription should be imposed in Canada.

Quebec .. voted Quebec voted massively against conscription, while the rest of the country voted just as massively in favora. Thousands of young Quebec men were called up against their wishes and those of the families, and the "conscription crisis" left a residue of batterness in English Franch statements. might be possed on the ques-tion of Quebec's place in con-in Canada that still lingers.

Labour looks foolish after Whitlam change of mind

Mr Trudeau retreats from his idea | Many die

tegy or trying to achieve Quebec independence through a referen-

confusion as to just what Mr Trudeau does beve in mind and the strength of his determination to achieve it. There is speculation that the Prime Minister made his referendum

announcement under the influence of M Marc Lalonde, his minister for federal-provincial relations.

At most, only a few Cabinet ministers were involved in whatever discussions took place before the Prime Minister's

before the Prime Minister's Commons statement.

Now Mr Trudeau is planning visits to the 10 provincial premiers, including Mr Rene Lévesque of Quebec, for talks on constitutional and other questions. His thoughts on a referendament.

referendum will probably be

further refined as a result.

In Quebec City, the suggesttion that Canadians as a whole

The result of all this has been

The Australian Labour Party has made an unfortunate start to its election campaign.

Before the announcement of a December poll by Mr Fraser, the Prime Minister, last Thursday. Mr Gough Whitlam, leader of the Opposition, had stated that Mr Bill Hayden, the last treasurer of the Whitlam Administration, would not hold an economics portfolio if Labour won this time.

Mr Whitlam added that Mr Hayden would be Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence

Hayden would be Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence and Mr Chris Hurford would be Treasurer. Until now, Mr Hurford has been shadow Treasurer, but Mr Hayden had assumed a position as Labour's chief economic spokesman, apparently senior to Mr Hurford.

After wide criticism over the

After wide criticism over the weekend, however, Mr Whit-lam changed his mind and announced that while Mr Hur-ford would still be Treasurer, Mr Hayden would now head a

years and certainly to be

December election has been one of apparent hostility. Even within government

ranks several members with marginal sears are far from happy since it is generally accepted that although the Government will retain power It will lose some seets.

The timing is being attributed to a belief by Mr Fraser that he is more likely to win this year than next.
The role of Sir John Kerr,

the Governor-General, has also come under severe scrutiny. It is worth recalling that he said in a speech in 1975 that it was development.

Although the switch has made Mr Whirlam look foolish, it has been accepted by Lahour ter to seek a premature election simply because it suited him. But he has now apparently changed his mind. Law Report October 31 1977

Lacuna in Domestic Violence Act

1976, by virtue of section 2(1) of which a person may be arrested under power of arrest strached to an injunction, does not authorize detention for longer than 24 hours after the arrest. The Court of Appeal pointed to this lacune in the Act and said that it should be remedied as soon as possible.

latest of a series in various parts of the country since the downfall just over a year ago of the extremest "gang of The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by Mrs Anne Helen Lewis from the refusal of Judge McCreery at Southampton County Court to attach a power of arrest four", which included Mao Tse-tung's widow, Chiang Ching.

The proclamations indicated

that the purge of "gang" fol-lowers was continuing through-out China as the pragmatic, post-Man leadership moves to eradicate all vestiges of extre-mist influence. But there have been a number of suggestions, primarily from provincial radio broadcasts, that the campaign is proceeding neither as quickly nor as smoothly as the central leadership would like. There have even been a few provincial radio statements recently saying that the posi-tion of Chairman Hua Kuo-feng must itself be defended, a possible suggestion of dissecsion somewhere in the party ranks.

Travellers and local radio broadcasts have reported exe broadcasts have reported executions for counter-revolutionary activities—regarded as political crimes against the state punishable by death—from 12 widely separated ciries other than Kunming since the arrest of the "gang of four"

on October 6 last year.

Recent travellers to Kunm they saw six proclamations posted on walls in the city,
The proclamations they were able to read contained 47 names, of which 23 were listed for the city of the contained 47 names, of which 23 were listed to the city of the contained 47 names, of which 23 were listed to the city of names, of which 23 were listed for immediato execution in September, most for political crimes. These offences included disseminating counter-revolutionary leaflets and forming counter revolutionary groups. Death sentences in China counter-revolutionary groups.

China are carried out by shoot-

ing.
The other 24 people listed were sentenced to prison terms for various offences. The travellers said that of the five other preclamations one conrained about the same number of names and four of them between 15 and 20 names each. Meanwhile, China has reiterated its concept of three worlds—the superpowers, developed countries and developing nations—and says that the Soviet Union remains the biggest threat to peace. The re-statement of Mao's three worlds policy comes in a 35,000-word article to be published in the People's Daily tomorrow.—

Reuter.

Would Balfour have signed this?

Their Lordships also declated that the Act was general in its application and not confined to applications for injunctions under

to a matrimonial injunction sought in the course of divorce proceedings, and sent the case back to the judge for decision.

proceedings, and sent the case back to the judge for decision.

Section 2 provides: "(1) Where, on an application by a party to a marriage, a judge grants an injunction containing a provision (in whatever terms)—(a) restraining the other party to the marriage from using violence against the applicant, or (b) restraining the other party from using violence against a child living with the applicant, or (c) excluding the other party from the matrimonfal home or from a specified area in which the matrimonial home or from a specified area in which the matrimonial home is included, the judge may, if he is satisfied that the other party has caused actual bodily harm to the applicant or, as the case may be, to the child concerned and considers that he is likely to do so again, attach a power of arrest to the injunction.

. . . (3) If, by virtue of subsection (1) above, a power of arrest is attached to an injunction, a consistely may arrest without warrapt a person whom he has reasonable cause for suspecting of being in breach of such a provision of field area in which the matrimonial home is included, the judge may, if he is satisfied that the other party has caused actual bodily harm to the applicant or, as the case may be, to the child concerned and considers that he is likely to do so again, attach a power of arrest to the injunction.

. . (3) If, by virtue of subsection (1) above, a power of arrest is attached to an injunction, a constable may arrest without warrant a person whom be has reasonable cause for suspecting of being in breach of such a provision of that injunction as falls within paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) above by reason of that the wife would not return to

Lewis v Lewis

Before Lord Justice Roskill and Lord Justice Ormrod

The Domestic Violence and Matrimonial Proceedings Act, 1976, by virtue of section 2(1) of which a person may be arrested under power of arrest attached to an injunction, does not authorize determined for longer than 24 hours beginning at the time of his arrest, and (h) he shall not seal the shall not seal to the shall not shall not seal to the shall not sh of Mr. Donid Treates for the order.

Of his arrest, and (b) he shall not be released within that period except to the direction of the judge, but nothing in this section shall authorize his detention at any time after the exprty of that period."

Mr David Trorter for the wife. The husband, Mr Roger William Francis Lewis, did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE ORMROD said that the appeal arose out of an application by the wife in divorce application by the wife in divorce proceedings for an order in familiar form restraining the husband from molesting her and requiring bim to vacate the matrimonial home. The judge took the view that section 2 of the Domestic Violence and Matrimonal Proceedings Act applied only where the application was made pursuant to section 1. Section 2 was in general terms, and applied where any judge granted an injunction in any of the three forms mentioned in section 2. The judge had been wrong in concluding that fe was no; possible to attach a power of arrest to an injunction granted in divorce proceedings.

The appeal gave the court an opportunity to comment on points raised by the Act. The first was

the matrimonial home, which had been empty since the judge's order

Court of Appeal

Secondly, the power of arrest was not to be regarded as a routine remedy by any means. I was plain from the wording that it was exceptional. It was very use-ful for exceptional cases where a ful for exceptional cases where a man or woman persisted in disobeying an injunction.

Thirdly, notice should be given in an application for an injunction that it was proposed to ask the court for a power of arrest. If that was not done the respondent might not turn up. He

dent might not turn up. He ought to be warned because he might submit to the injunction but oppose the power of arrest.

Fourthly, in section 2(4) Parliament had left in the air the powers ment had left in the air the powers of the judge when the power of arrest was put into effect. Section 2(4) required the person arrested to be brought before a judge within 24 hours. If he was not, he had to be released; but if he was, the Act contained no provision for the judge to do anything. No power was given by no provision for the judge to do anything. No power was given by the Act to the judge to keep a man in custody a moment longer than 24 hours. The judge could not commit in the present class of contempt on his own motion, and the only other way to deal with it was for the other party to take the usual step of applying for an order for attachment or committel. His Lordship found for an order for stratement of committal. His Lordship found it oute obscure what the judge could do when a person was brought before him. There was a large lacuna in the Act which ought to be remedied as soon as possible.

The only course the court could

The only course the court could The only course the court could take was to allow the appeal in point of law in that the indee had had power to consider whether to attach a power of arrest, but it was for him to decide whether to do so. In those circumstances the appeal would be allowed.

Lord Justice Roskill delivered Solicitors: Coffin, Mew & Clover, Southampton.

Science report

Medicine: Megavitamin theory

Few people realize that viramins can cause serious poisoming and, indeed, vitamin pills have an aura of safety and healthiness about them that is very different from that of drugs such as tranquiliizers. Health-food enthusiasts will often take regular doses of vita-

often take regular doses of vitamins while rejecting "synthetic" drugs and many people prefer to treat coughs and colds with vitamins rather than with conventional medicines.

Reliance on vitamins does no harm so long as the doses taken are small, but a new trend, growing in popularity, is the use of enormous doses of vitamins to the treatment of some mental states. Extravagant claims have been made for this megavitamin therapy in the treatment of schizophrenia threat to peace. The remains the bigthreat to peace. The renent of Mao's three worlds
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The comes in the treatment of schizophrenia
and in some behaviour disorders
in children. In the United States
widely used, against medical
advice, as a treatment for minimal brain dysfunction. a diagnosis applied to children whose

behaviour is disruptive and who are physically hyperactive.

The dangers of this indiscriminate use of vitamins are shown in a report from Yale of a boy aged four brought to the university hospital complaining of painful legs. He had a lever and was irritable, and his mouth and lips were sore and cracked. Tests showed that his blood contained more than 10 times the normal amounts of vitamin A and that the high concentration had caused bone damage, so explaining the behaviour is disruptive and who the high concentration had caused bone damage, so explaining the pain. His liver had also been damaged. Although the family denied that he had been given vinmins, his nursery school teachers reported that he carried a bottle of tablets everywhere and had eaten them continuously.

Vitamin A is the most dangerous: overdosage can be fatal, although symptoms usually lead to medical intervention while the condition is still reversible. Excess vitamin D may damage the kidneys and may lead to calcium being deposited in the blood vessels. Other vitamins are safer, but in

The belief that if small doses do some good then big doses should do more good is based on fallacious reasoning. Taking extra vitamins is rather like giving a car engine extra oil. Furthermore the whole range of vitamins, minerals such as iron add indeed all essential nurrients are present in adequate quantities in any reasonably balanced diet. Treatment with vitamins is needed only if for some reason the diet is inadequate or if there is some disease that prevents normal disease that prevents normal absorption of vitamins from food. Otherwise vitamin therapy is at best a simple placebo and at worst a form of self-poisoning. Ry Our Medical Correspondent

Source: Journal of the American Medical Association, October 17 (p1749).

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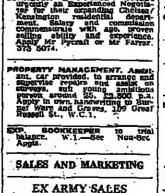
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Wood gives opposite number a lesson in art of goalkeeping

Middlesbrough 1 Everton 2.

Whatever English football-may fack in skill and precision its Cup the football lacks nothing in frama and excitement. Everton's scrambled, lucky and gittinately desperate 2—1 win over Middlesbrough took them through to the fourth round of the Football League Cup, and a visit to Jack Chariton's Shertledt Wednesday. Yet Everton's naworthy victory came only after a final quarter of frenzied attack by Middlesbrough and defensive tactics by Everton which gave us the unacceptable face of British football.

Sadly, the Everton tactics peid off. Everton built up a fortmitous 2—0 lead through the alackness of the Middlesbrough defence. Lybus, volleyed home past a surprised Platt after the ball had bounced freely in the Middlesbrough penalty area, and Pearson was unattended when he headed the second goal from a cross by Pejic.

residence of the middlesbrough goalkeeper, Plart, could be faulted, and as the Middlesbrough supporters streamed disconsolately from the ground, many were heard to remark that had the goalkeepers been switched Middlesbrough would be visiting Hillsborough and not Everton.

Wood in the Everton goal was to give an inspired second half performance as Middlesbrough stormed into the attack, spurred by a goal from Milk just before the interval. Middlesbrough, as they had done for most of the first half, poured into the Everton penatty area, and at times

ball behind for a corner.

When Wood was not in the way of Middlesbrough, the woodwark was. Woof sent in a header which his the foot of a post, and it was ar this point that it became obvious that it was not to be Middlesbrough's night.

During this spell of intense and france pressure by Middlesbrough, the Everton defence pulled out every trick in the book, some highly questionable. Passes back to the goalkeeper came from anywhere on the bruch, some from within the Middlesbrough half. from within the Middlessmoogn half.

As fouls were readily administered. Higgins warmly grasped Mills round the neck and was booked for his pains when a more drastic sentence might have been applicable. Nevertheless Everton survived, and Jack Charlton left the ground at the end rubbing his hands at the prospect of a crowd-pulling visit from the Merseysiders. After Everton's display, he may anticipate a surprise.

MIDDLESSROUGH: J. Platt: I. Balter, T. Compet. J. Platt: I. Balter, T. Compet. J. Manager, T. Hanney, M. Lyon, M. Higgles, A. Khei, M. Lyon, M. Higgles, A. Khei, M. Lyon, M. Higgles, A. Khei, M. Elseckey, M. Dobson, J. Pearson, R. Lattward, D. Thomas.

Reserve: Mr. W. Johnson (Kennes).

Sexton may gamble on Greenhoff's fitness

Brian Greenholf could be back to help in Manchester United's attempt to survive in the European Cup-Winners' Cup tomorrow. He was back in foil training yesterday after missing five matches with a thigh injury. David Sexton, the manager, may gamble on his fitness, as United my to counter FC Porto's 4—0 lead, achieved in the first leg of the second round. the first leg of the second round.

United have won only one of the five games without Greenhoff, and his intelligent breaking from the back should help them in their chase for goals. Macari, who missed Saturday's game because of injury, is also expected to play.

Liverpool, holding a 5—1 first-leg lead as they go to East Gormany, for their European Cup game with Dynamo Dresden, expect to have Clemence, the England goalkeeper, fit in spite of an injury received last weekend. Clemence and Heighway both improved after treatment of their knocks and are in the party of 17.

In the Uefa Cup Aston Villa In the Uefa Cup Aston Villa are at full strength, as they take a 2—0 lead to Poland for their meeting with Gornik Zabrze. New castle United have a slight doubt shout forward Cassidy, as they my to recover from a 2—1 first-leg

and Finnegan

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Harry Levene the London promoter, plans to stage a world middleweight title bout at the Empire Pool, Wembley, during the first ball of 1978, a contest directly concerned with the British cherminskin contest next Tues-

championship contest next Tues-day between the holder, Kevin Finnegan, and the former British and European champion, Alan

Minter.
On Saturday, Rodrigo Valdes, of Colombia, and Benny Briscoe, of the United States, meet in Italy for the vacant world title.

limly for the vacant world title. Mr Levene, who has been in touch with both sides, is confident of matching the winner there with the winner of the Finnegan v Mimer bout. This comest would probably take place in May. Mr Levene's Wemblev date in March is likely to be taken up by a return world welterweight title hout between Carlos Palomino, of Mexico, and Dave Green, of Britain, assuming Palomino is still champion.

champion.
Green nude a successful come-back in September after his defeat be Palomino three months earlier. The Mexican American champion

away defeat by the Corsican side Bastia. Ipswich Town could have the Scottish full back Burley, fit for their trip to Las Palmas.

Burley missed Saturday's home defeat by West Ham United because of an ankle injury. Hunter, who strained a groin in that game, is also expected to be fit, but the manager, Bobby Robson's, main problem, as his team travel with a 1—0 first-leg lead, is whether to give the young striker Geddis, a place in his starting line-up. striker Geddis, a place in his starting line-up.

Although Manchester City had Watson, Clements and Donachie all under treatment yesterday for injuries after Samrday's game against Liverpool, Tony Book, their manager, expects to have them available for rouight's League Cup replay at Maine Road with Lunon Town.

Also back into the reckoning will be the Scottish midfield player Hartford, who has finished a three-match suspension. Thesart and Booth have made good recoveries from injury but are unlikely to play.

Luton may be without Boersma because of an Achilles tendon injury which has kept him out of action for three weeks.

defence emphasized by the pandemonium on the terraces.
Wood saved a fine low shot from Cooper, and made a remarkable save from Armstrong. The left winger wormed his way past two defenders and struck a spinning shot towards the top left-hand corner. It seemed to have passed Wood when he stretched his massive frame to fingertip the hall behind for a corner.
When Wood was not in the wey

The last witness in the Packer

High Court trial finished giving

evidence yesterday. He was Mr Donald Carr, secretary of the Test

and County Cricket Board. After

and County Cricket Board. After Mr Douglas Insole, the TCCB chairman, had been recalled for further cross-examination, Mr Michael Kempster, QC, began his closing address for the defendants, the TCCB and the International Cricket Conference (ICC). Altogether 20 witnesses had been called, eight for the plaintiffs (Mr Kerry Packer and three of his players) and 12 by the defendants. The case so far has lasted 26 days. It is expected to end on Friday.

The plaintiffs, Mr Kempster said, had sought in part to found their case on a detailed demigration of the efficiency and the integrity of those responsible for the welfare of cricket in this country and world-wide. Mr Kempster suggested that Mr Justice Slade must be satisfied beyond a peradventure that the various aspersions cast on the

persons a perature that the various aspersions cast on the administrators during the first weeks of the case but not pursued since were "misconceived if not unwholesome".

Big incentive for | Last witness appears in Packer case

Scotland's captain set to rejoin Derby

Bruce Rioch, Scotland's captain who joined Everton 11 months ago from Darby County, seems likely to return to Derby Rioch, who cost Everton £180,000, is likely to return for a fee of around £150,000. During his stay at Goodison Park, Rioch, who admits to never having settled on Merseyside, has made a total of 39 league and cup appearances storing four goals. Negotiations are expected to be concluded at Derby today. Derby today,

Rioch was left out of last night's. Everton team for the Football League Cap third round replay-against Middlesbrough at Ayre-some Park at his own request. some Park at his own request.

Brian Flyin's £206,000 move to Queen's Park Rangers is off. The little Weish international player telephoned Frank Sibley yesterday morning to say that he was still undecided and the Ranger's manager decided that there was no point in going on with the matter. "It seems Flyan was reluctant to come south, so as far as Rangers are concerned the move is off.", a QPR spokesman said.

refuction to come south, so as far as Rangers are concerned the move is off." a OPR spokesman said.

Leeds United will make offers today for Figure and Peter Daniel, the Holl City right back. This was the outcome of a two-and-aquater-hour Leeds board meeting last night to discuss smengthening the side which is in the bottom half of the mble. After the meeting Jimmy Armfield, the Leeds manager, said: "I can't say snything about the players. The chaleman may say smething. We have not had any disagreement about who to sign." He then left for his Biackpool home. Manny Cussins, the Leeds chairman, emerged from the board meeting to make the announcement about Fiyan and Daniel but in each case he said that the Leeds offer would be below the valuation placed on the players by Buroley and Holl City. Air Cussins denied that Leeds were considering a change of manager or had fiscued any nitimation to Mir Armfield. "It has not been easy for him with the injuries he has had and the fact that we are changing over from an older side to a younger side. We are not dissatisfied with him. We think he is very genulne and sincere but it is up to him to sign the players he wants. The month's World Cup game in Czechoslovakia. Nardiello, Cardiganshire-born son of an Italian cafe owner, wins his call on the recommendation of Terry Yorath, the Welsh captain, after just a bandfel of games with him the much-improved Coventry side.

WORLD CUP PARTY: D. Davies (Wrathem), J. Phillips (Cheises), R. Thomas (Cardiff C). M. Page (Birmingham C). D. Jones (Nawyich C). L. Phillips (Alston Villa) D. Roberts (Hall C). J. Jones (Liverbool), T. Yorath (Coventry C). E. Pivin, Parallely J. Mehoney (Middlesbrough F. L. James (Queens Parallely), J. Toback (Liverbool), M. Thomas (Wrechem), S. Desy (SFV Emillovep), D. Nardicillo (Coventry Emillovep), D. Nardicillo (Coventry Emillovep), D. Nardicillo (Coventry

Mr Justice Stade invited Mr Kempster to give examples of the aspersions to which he had re-ferred. Counsel reminded the judge of the description "no more than a charade" to the "com-promise" meeting between the

than a charade " to the "Com-promise" meeting between the ICC and Mr Packer at Lord's on June 23 this year, to the charge that the TCCB had "acted dis-honestly" in its dealings with Mr Packer's network, and to alleged "dishonest claims" made by the TCCB. Mr Kempster thought Mr

rccb. Mr Kempster thought Mr Packer's protestations of concern for the lot of cricketers "suspect".

The application of one particular section of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act of 1974 to the present case was "novel".

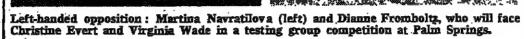
"It falls to your lordship", Mr Kempster said, "to be the first person to construe it". (The TCCB and the ICC are claiming

Tyson, who is the state coach.
The award scheme is run in conjunction with the Test and County Cricket Board and Douglas Insole, chairman of the TCCB, said:
"When the scheme was launched last year it looked at once to be

be selected this winter, playing, watching, learning, eating and sleeping cricker in Australia, will have been given a great chance of making a return visit in 1978-79 on the next England tour.

Any of those lucky enough to





Richest event in women's game

From Rex Bellamy Tenuis Correspondent

Tennis Correspondent
Palm Springs, Oct 31
The eight singles players and four doubles pairs who have been most successful in the women's international tennis series, have assembled here for the inaugural Colgate championships. The series and the championships are, respectively, the women's equivalent of the more familiar men's grand prix circuit and Masters tournament. Women were incorporated in the grand prix system from 1971 to 1973; but this is the first time that, after 24 widely scattered tournaments, the best of them have qualified for a chimactic event.

event.
This ultimate showniece tournsment has a stature comparable with that of the Masters and a World Championship Tennis playoff series. It will also be the richest event the women's game has ever known, with first prizes of £43,000 in singles and £17,000 in doubles.

The eight singles players will

Earlier Mr Carr had been asked about the suggestion by Mr Andrew Morritt, QC, for the plaintiffs, that each county should be left to make up its own mind about whether or not to employ Packer players. Mr Carr thought it would be "totally unexceptable" for one county to use Packer players and for another nor to do so.

Packer players and for another not to do so.

In cases of this sort, "which affect the structure of the game", it was what that all counties worked together. If there were going to be variations in the approach by different counties "certainly the players would find it unacceptable and I cannot imagine anyone who would find it acceptable in the cricketing sphere".

Mr Insole was referred to the

Mr Insole was referred to the use of the expression "The only thing we can do is sack them" by Mr Gubby Allen, as reported in a transcript of shorthand notes of a TCCB emergency executive committee meeting on May 13, four days after the first news of the Packer series appeared. He could not recall the phrase. It sounded "all-embracing".

The hearing continues today.

been the secretary next season and Fisher (St. Ignatius and Christ Church) has taken over the post. Gurt, aged 21, won his Blue as a freshman two years ago and created such a good impression in the first season but the season first.

created such a good impression in his first season that seven first-class counties offered him terms. Gurt joined Somerset because he thought he would get more first-class cricket with them. He is at present on tout in Sri Lanka with Detrick Robins's team.

Adelaide, Oct 31.—Rain pre-vented the Indian cricketers prac-

tising at Adelaide oval today, hampering preparation for their

opening tour match on Wednesday against a South Australian country XI at Port Lincoln.—Reuter.

Indians hampered

fore lunch on Saturday. The doubles event will be a straight knock-out, culminating in Sunday's final. The women's game will then be concentrated on the more restricted appeal of the Anglo-American Wightman Cup series at Oaldand, just outside Sen Francisco. Christine Evert, Billie Jean King and Virginia Wade will compete in both events.

pete in both events.

The singles field here consists of Miss Evert, Martina Navrationa, Miss Wade and Dianne Fromholiz in one group; Betty Stove, Mrs King, Kerry Reid and Wandy Turnbull in the other. There can be no argument about the quality of a line-up that includes the resurgent Mrs King and the players who contested the championship singles finals of Wimbledon (Miss Wade and Miss Evert and Miss Turnbull) and Australia (Mrs Reid and Miss Fromholtz).

The four doubles teams also include the Wimbledon and United States (hampions: Helen Cawley and Joanne Russell and Miss Navratilova and Miss Stove, The other pairs will be Linky Boshoff and Ilana Kloss (who were beaten by Mrs King and Rosemary Casals in Puerto Rico yesterday) and

Wimbledon or Forest Hills, are the only non-qualifiers who might have been fancied to win.

The championships will be played oundoors on hard courts at the Mission Hills Country Club on the edge of a fashionable resort that seems a rather odd thing to find in a wast expanse of desert where Indians, with a reservation covering \$2,000 acres, are the largest landowners. The name and popularity of Palm Springs arose from the Indian discovery of hot mineral springs. There are 37 golf courses here: one for approximately every 800 residents, though it is estimated that Palm Springs has two million visitors a year. The tally of swimming pools works out at one for every five residents.

The landscape is dominated by

The landscape is dominated by desert, canyons, and the San Jacinto Mountains. The climate is warm and dry and this is the best time of year to appreciate it—not least for those refugees from autumnal Europe who sit down to dinuer here at a time when they might be taking an early breakfast at home.

England centre gains niche with an expense claim

The only relevance of that early approach was to demonstrate the unhappy frame of mind of the real plaintiff in both cases, Mr Packer, following his unpalamble discovery on June 22 last year that, for once, money could not buy him what he wanted. (Mr Kempster was referring to the attempt by Mr Packer to secure television rights from the Australian Cricket Board of Control.)

Mr Justice Slade invited Mr

Christopher Rez, best known these days as a versatile sports commentator and reporter for BBC radio, won 13 cape for Scotland in radio, won 13 cape for Scotland in the centre and in 1971, before touring New Zealand with the Lions, scored the try that clinched for his country their first win at Twickenham for 33 years. Before all that he greduated with a degree in history from the University of St Andrews, and this last fact will be not in the least surprising to anyone fortunate enough to acquire a copy of his book, Rueby (Hamlyn Publishing Group, £4.95). He does not claim, in a book beautifully illustrated and set out, to produce a comprehensive history of rugby union football in 192 pages of text, and another 23 of important statistics.

There are chapters on the great There are chapter on the greater moments in the history of all the chief rugby playing nations, and all are written with a keen eye for the humorous anecdote. He recounts, for instance, the always interesting story of H. C. Catche-

side's passage of arms with the RFU treasurer in 1924.

That was the year when the England centre "gained his niche in rugby lore with a blonde leap over the French full back, and with an expense claim submitted to the RFU for a train journey from Newcastle to London. The fare amounted to \$2.19/11d, which he rounded up to £3.

"This did not meet with the approval of the union's treasurer, and Catcheside received a cheque for the exact train fare. Nothing daunted, when he was next called upon to play at Twickenham, Catcheside filled in his expense sheet thus:

Train fare Tollet 52.19/11d 1d

total "We play". Mike Gibson writes in his fortword, "because we love a game which cannot be compared to any others. We do it because of the friendship formed." Rea's book may inspire young men just as E. H. D. Sewell's Rugger: The Mar's Game once fired the imagination of this aging scribe.

Rugby Union

Doble to be honoured by world class team

One of the best Rugby Union teams ever assembled in Britain will play Moseley, who are unbeaten, in a special memorial match for Sam Doble, the full back who died last month at 33. Twelve stalwarts of the 1977 British Lious tour to New Zealand plus the brilliam; Weish frio of J. P. R. Williams, Gerald Davies and Gareth Edwards make a unique, world class XV at the Reddings on November 27. The organizers have succeeded where the Lions in New Zealand failed—getting Williams, Davies and Edwards into a team where they would have been automatic choices but for their unavadability.

With Williams at full back, Irvine, a conspicuous success in New Zealand, switches to the wing, Edwards partners the Lious captain Bennett and the team is captained by Coher who while

Williams (Bridgend); T. G. R. Davies (Cardiff), S. P. Fenwick (Bridgend), I. R. McGeechan (Headingley), A. R. Irvine (Heriots FP); P. Bennett (Llanelli), G. O. Edwards (Cardiff); F. E. Cotton (Sale), P. J. Wheeler (Leicester), G. Price (Pontypool), N. E. Horton (Stade Toulousain), W. B. Beaumont (Fylde), A. Neary (Broughton Park), W. P. Duggan (Blackrock), T. J. Cobner (Pontypool) (capt). and Gareth Edwards make a unfque, world class XV at the Reddings on November 27. The organizers have succeeded where the Lions in New Zealand failedgeting Williams, Davies and Edwards into a team where they would have been automatic choices but for their unavallability.

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Barrie Coriess, Moseley's England ceutre, commented: "It is a fantastic team, a totally fixing tribute to Sam. I cannot imagine anyone turning down an invitation to play in this match. People should not think that it will be just an exhibition game. There is a lot of pride at stake. We think we are the best club side in the country and we are not going to let ourselves be mangled by a bench of British Lions!"

Doble, who made a science out of goalkicking, won three caps for England and set up a world record number of points in a season with \$81 in 1972. Proceeds from the match will go towards a trust fund for Doble's widow and two young children and also cancer research.

INTERNATIONAL XV: J. P. R.

Lions accept invitation to play for Stanley's XV

By Peter West

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Rugby Correspondent
Fran Cotton, Peter Wheeler, Bill
Beaumont and Tony Neary, the
four English forwards who represented the British Lions in the last
international against New Zealand
in August, have accepted invitations to play for Stanley's XV in
the annual match against Oxford
University at Iffley Road on November 17.
Another Englishman on the

Three Aborigine boys, all from the same family, will be in the Australian schools side to four England Ireland and Wales in December and January. They are Gary, Glen and Mark Ella, the last two of them being twins. All are said to be threequarters of outstanding promise.

The Australian party will play

omber 17.

Another Englishman on the Lions tour, Peter Squires, was saked to play for Stanley's as well, but he has only just returned from his honeymoon and has had no match practice since coming back from New Zealand with a torn his first game of the season, with the season of the

Injuries pile up on French for first international

Paris. Oct 31.—Injury problems are piling up on the French sciectors for the first international against the New Zealand All Blacks on November 12 at Toulouse. Bertrame is nursing rib injuries and Bastiat today declared his leg injury would not be fully healed in time for the international.

Bastiat, who played in a local McKechnie, at Pernigan, the

international.

Bastiat, who played in a local club match this weekend, said afterwards that he did not feel he could justify a place in the French XV until he was 100 per cent recovered. "I don't want to let the side down at Toulouse or aggravate the injury. But I expect to be available for selection for the second test at Paris", he said.

Another blow for French hopes Another blow for French hopes came when Averous limped oif the field at half-time in today's club match between Narbonne and La Voulte. While his team ran up a 56—3 victory, Averous had emergency treatment to a pulled leg muscle. But afterwards he announced he would not be fit to play for the "Pyrenees Selection" against the New Zealanders at Perpiguan tomorrow, and it was doubtful that he could be considered for selection for the first international.

The regional selection is some-

the first international.

The regional selection is something of a blend of the two types of formation which the All Blacks have faced so far. At Brive the French selectors chose an inexperienced, attacking line-up, much to their woe. At Lyon the New Zealanders faced a big pack determined to stop the backs from getting the ball.

The Lyon type agnesis to be the The Lyon type appears to be the best for countering these All

The All Blacks, unable to convert any of their three tries in Saturday's 12—10 win at Lyon, play a 23-year-old stand-off half, McKechnie, at Perpignan, the third match of their tour. With Wilson still inactive with a trigh ligament injury from the first match in Brive last week, the All Blacks hope McKechnie can fill the gap.

the gap.

McKechnie, who has played cricker for New Zealand, handled and kicked the high ball with precision in the match against traly at Padua a formight ago, but his goal kicking was inaccurate. The tourists hope he has recovered his touch.

Only seven of the team which struggled to win at Lyon play tomorrow. But all the newcomers played either in the first match at Brive or against Italy. Knight, whose hard running at flank forward contributed so much to the 45—3 win at Brive, returns to the back row with returns to the back row with Myers and Eveleigh, who was carried off on a stretcher suffer-ing from concussion in Italy. Stewart takes over the captaincy from Mourie

from Mourie

New Tealand: B. C. Williams;
S. Wilson, W. Osbarne, M. Taylor, B.
Ford: B. McKechnie, K. Green: B. R.
Johnstone, J. Black, J. Ashworth, K.
Steward, A. M. Haden, K. Eveleigh,
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Merou: J. Lopez, R. Astro: C. Provenzale, Y. Brunet, J. C. Baffatore, J.
Gozo, B. Salbatge, A. Monilaur, D.
Salbact, R. Gemis.—Agence France
Presse.

Cowdrey one of four for Australia trip tain, said: "David has had this in mind for some months. We were sorry to hear his final decision, but happily he will go on playing for as long as he can. David, of course, has in expanding business in breeding, schooling and breaking horses at his farm in Worcestershire." weekly programme will be super-vised by Peter Spence, the New South Wales coach. Emburey and Hopkins will head for Victoria and their direction will come from a former England fast bowler, Frank

certain wincer

The Mexican American champion has confirmed his willingness to come back to Britain next spring to give Green another chance.

But first Palomino must over-tone another challenge. He will defend the title against Jose Pelactos, of Mexico, in a 15-round match at the Olympic auditorium in Los Angeles on December 10, and the Colombia and the Colombia auditorium in Los Angeles on December 10, and the Colombia and t Christopher Cowdrey, a 20-year-old Kem batsman and son of a former England captain, Colin, is one of four promising young cricketers to play in Australia for 12 weeks this winter under the Whitbread awards scheme.

The other three are Emburey, Middlesex off-spin bowler; York-shire's big hitting 22-year-old bats-man, Love; Hopkins, who hit 230 against Worcestershire last season fur Glamorgan's biggest postwar

The £30,000 scheme began last year when Athey, of Yorkshire, Gatting, of Middlesex, Botham (Somersett and Stevenson (Yorkshire) made the trip. Gatting and Botham progressed well during last summer and are in the England party for Pakistan and New Zeuland Athey is not selected for this

Athey is not selected for this year's scheme, but along with Slocombe, of Someraet, will have his fare paid to Australia. During the quartet's stay, each will be officially attached to a grade club. They will be expected to enter mid-week club practice, join the state party whenever they practise and to help the Australian Test party.

on the next England tour.

Whitehouse will succeed Brown as captain of Warwickshire next summer. The 22-year-old Nuneaton-born bateman, who had his best ever season with more than 1,500 runs this year, takes the appointment after Brown's resignation at the end of three years as captain. Whitehouse, a qualified accountant, scored 173 on his first appearance against Oxford University in 1971 and was voted young cricketer of the year in the same season. The players leave on December 22. On January 2, Love and Cowdrey will go to Sydney where their tary, a former Warwickshire cap-

Cricket

PERTM: Shelfield Shield Match: Western Australia, 505 for 7 dec (K. Hughes 80, J. Brayshaw 501; Tasmania 147 and 105 for 7.

Delfs fights back to take Canadian title tershire."
Gurr, an Oxford University fast bowler, has been sent down for twice failing his Greek preliminary examinations. He was to have

Badminton

Toronto, Oct 31.—Flemming Delfs, of Denmark, the world champion pegged back an eightpoint lead by Thomas Kihlstrom, of Sweden, to capture a gold medal in men's singles at the Canadian Open badminton championships here. Down 9-1 in the final game, Delfs said: " I started thinking about losing " but he went on to win the match, 12-15, 15-7, 15-10.

In the Women's singles, Canada's Wendy Clarkson beat the top seed Jane Youngberg, also of Canada, 12—10, 11—1 to win the gold medal for the second year in a row. Youngberg has been off the courts for a month nursing strained back figaments. In the men's singles. Delfs said that the predominence of fast shuttlecocks in the game favoured the smaller, swifter Kihlstrom. But Killstrom said that his reactions were slower than usual because of medications that he had been taking for a throat infection.

Kihlstrom and bis team colleague,
Bengt Froman, narrowly defeated
Eddie Sutton and Derek Talbot,
of England, 16—17, 15—11, 15—10
in the men's doubles.

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England dominated the women's doubles with Nora Perry and Karen Puttick trouncining their team colleagues, Barbara Sutton and Jane Webster, 15—8, 15—9. Perry and David Eddy, of England, took the gold medal in the mixed doubles defeating Jane Webster, of England, and Steen Skovgaard, of Denmark, 15—4, 15—12.

Horse show

Sandsablaze goes clear in jump-off for third win

Landover, Maryland, Oct. 31.— Mehlkopf had ridden Cyrano to Sandsablaze, a 10-year old chestmut gelding ridden by Buddy Brown, achieved his third and most important victory of the 19th Washington international horse show last night by always to Preciously. last uight by winning the President's Cup Grand Prix, worth \$6,500 (about £3,600).

Sandsablaze, lent to the United

Sandsablaze, lent to the United States equestrian team by the Derby Hill farm of South Salem, New York, was the only entry to go clear in a jump off field of seven, which had been reduced from an original 28 starters. The winning time was 36.6 seconds. The gelding recently returned to the show jumping circuit after suffering a bowed tendon in the 1976 Olympic Games. Sandsablaze won three of four classes entered

won three of four classes entered in the Washington Show. "He tried his heart out". Brown said. "He tries every time". Jet Run, ridden by Michael Matz. a member of the United States Equestrian team, was second with three faults in 41.7 seconds. Do Right, owned by Gulf States Paper Corporation, and ridden by this show's leading national rider, Dennis Murphy, was third with four faults in 32.3 seconds. Willibert Mehlkopf, of West Germany, riding Cyrano, a 12-year old bay gelding, was fourth with four faults and a time of 35.5 seconds. None of the British, Canadian or other West German horses survived the opening round.

Going into the President's Cup.

Today's fixtures Kick-off 7.30 unless stated LEAGUE CUP: Third round replays: Bury v Millwall: Manchester City v Lation Town: Swindon Town v Poris-Lainn Town: Swindon Town v PORS-month,
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ing the nine-day show held at the capital centre.

Bernard Traurig rode The Cardinal to fifth place. Robert Rid land on Southside was sixth and the Canadian, Ian Millar, rode Brother Sam for seventh place Melanie Smith, on the Frenchbred Val de Loire, was eighth.

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The United States won the team competition with 110 points, Great Britain were second with 53, followed by Canada with 47 and West Germany 41. Matz had a total of 36 points to win the riders' award. North American international competition will be resumed on Tresday night at resumed on Tuesday night at Madison Square Garden in New York and later in Toronto at the Royal Winter Fair. In other events, Melkopi rode In other events, Melkopf rode Cyrano to his second consecutive speed class victory. The winning time over the 10-obstacle course was 35 seconds. Seven of the 20 entries in the class went clean, with West Germany taking third place as Lutz Merkel rode Golden

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place as Lutz Merkel rode Golden
Gate through the course in 36.3
seconds. Grande, ridden by Matz,
was second in 36.1. "This is not
our best team—no Olympic riders
here", Alwin Schockemöhle, the
coach of the West German team,
horses survived the opening
said. "But they are not as nervous as when they arrived here
and are getting better".—UPI.

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Gymnastics

Soviet Union monopolize gold medals

Oviedo (Spain), Oct 31.—The Soviet Union won at least a piece of every gold medal in both the men's and women's fudividual events in the gymnastics World Cup yesterday. In the men's pommel horse and fixed bar the Russians had to share the gold with competitors who drew identical scores. with Competitors who drew identical scores.

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England choose

14-year-old Cheryl Brazendale, the 14-year-old British free-style record-holder from Blackpool, is the youngest swimmer in a five-strong English team named to compete in the women's International Cup meet-ing at Harvard University, United States, on January 6

ing at Harvard University, United States, on January 6. With her in the team are Mar-garet Kelly, a Montreal Olympic breaststroke finalist: Sue Jenner, a bronze medal winner in the a bronze mental winner in the butterfly at this year's European championships; Sharron Davies, an outstanding 15-year-old individual medley swimmer from Plymouth; and Debbie Rudd, the Coventry swimmer, who is studying at the University of Southern California.

in Los Angeles on December 10, Bunny Johnson, of Britain, will fight Aldo Traversaro, of Indy, for the vacant European lightheavyweight ritle in the coastal town of Viareagio on November 25, it was announced in Genoa vesterday. The title was vacated earlier this year by Mate Parloy, a Viarealay a Yugoslav Olympic Games IOC wait to see what postman brings

Lausanne, Oct 31.—Applications for staging the 1984 Olympic Games closed today and the International Olympic Commutee said it would amounte the official candidates on Wednesday morning. The IOC said although October 31 was the closing date it would accept any applications that arrived in Wednesday morn ing's mail.

An IOC official said Los Angeles was still the only city applying for the sammer Games. Applications for the Winter Olympics have been fred by Sapporto. Japan, and Goteborg. Seeden, and law-minute applications of the one of the contraction of the

sweden, was law-manufe apolica-tions were thought to be on the way from the High Latrus in Czechoslovskia- and the Mount Blane resert area of France, the ufficial said.

The shortage of candidates for The shortage of candidates for the summer Games does not mean that Los Angeles, will automatically be made the one when the take is taken meat May at the full IOC meeting at Afrens, the IOC president, Lord Killman, has and, Lord Angeles will have to satisfy all the INC's criteria, even though it probably will have so rival. The IOC official task Brussels had above interest in annivers for the shown interest in applying for the Les Angeles per ferminante an opening to make an eleventh-hour application. - UPI.

For the record

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Oisin's win is tribute to his trainer

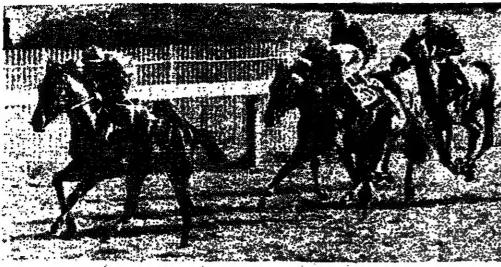
By Michael Seely Tzi-Tzi Girl. an Irish mare, started her busy English week on an unsuccessful note when beaten a neck by Oish in the Gumley Handicap at Leitester yesterday. John Hassett, her trainer from John Hassett, her trainer frum to Clare, does not believe in wrapping his horses in cotton wool. Immediately after the race, the fice-year-old started south on the long journey to Lingfield Park, where she is taking part in the Pheavant Amateur Stakes this afternoon. Soon after that her breeches, well he headed north horsebox will be headed north where Izi-Izi Girl has been de-clared to run in the Durham Stakes at Teesside Park on Thurs-

the Bonfire Handicap at Doncaster on Saturday, but her rainer, show-ing a rare touch of compassion, said: "We'll have " Remarkably, the first of Tzi-Girl's three victories in Ire-took place at Listowel on

that date.

As Edward Hide switched the mare inside two furlongs from home, it looked odds on her winning. But in the last 100 yards she found nothing when asked the final question and Olsin held her challenge more comfortably than the marrin suggests. challenge more comfortably than the margin suggests.

Oisin was wioning his fifth race of the season for the Pulborough rainer. Guy Harwood. The four-cear-old's condition paid a handome tribute to the skill of his both the Lingfield and Teesside trainer who was gaining his fiftieth victory of 1977. Harwood bought Orsan from his former owners for 10,000 guineus at the Newmarket sales last week as a hoolmaster for his apprentices. And yesperday Oisin found luminable has been also been also been also has been also had been arould. Peter Bloomfield, big list victory from only six rides in



Ma Familie comes home clear of Diamante in Leicester's John O'Gaunt Handicap.

Sterling Lucy, who was brought with a strong lane run to collar Sweet Cares, in the dying seconds of the Fleckney Maiden Stakes. The winner handed a gamble for his connexions, being backed down from 12-1 to 5-1. Sterling Lucy is trained by the former steeplechase rider, John Haine, for his father, William.

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Another former jump jockey to saddle a winner was Ron Vibert when Ma Famille gave a decisive two and a half lengths beating to Dismante in the John O'Gaunt Nursery. Ma Famille makes a habit of winning on his comerions birthdays. Vesterday's victory gave her rider, John Lowe, his eighty-fourth sacress on his twenty-seventh anniversary and Vibert was celebrating his thirty-ninth birthday when the filly stored ber only other success at Kempton Park on July 13.

Besides Lowe, Talfy Thomas is also eujoying his best ever season. The Welsh jockey drove Rota past Prenty Girl in the last furiong of the Wysall Claiming Stakes for his ninety-sixth success of the year. Thomas had a good chance of whining the last big race of the season, the William Hill November Handicap, on Sailcloth who

At Lingfield Park this afteracon Tzi-Tzi Girl. despite her long journey from Lelcesper, should outrlass Panda's Gamboi in the Pheasant Amateur Stakes. Three likely two-year-old winners on the Surrey track are Brian Swift's Chepstow winner, Lord Rochford, who has No Bombs to beat in the Rotherfield Stakes (first division). Clive Brittain's Amber Rama filly. Aruba in the Ticchurst Stakes and Paul Cole's impressive course winner King For 2 Day in the second division of the Rotherfield Stakes. Cole could also do a double with Paulifac in the Crowborough Nursery. And in a battle between three horses who

The key to keeping working families together

The Great Debate, focused chiefly on secondary education, has—like much edu-cational debate before it—borrowed some cational debate before it—borrowed some concepts and labels from primary schooling without considering whether they are appropriate for the child of secondary school age. One of these is the label of "latchkey child" as shorthand for the child who lets himself in to the family home when he gets back after school, because his parents are still at work. Originally the term "lanchkey child" was applied to the child so young that the only way to make sure he did not lose the vital key was to mut it on a string round his neck. was to put it on a string round his neck.
The picture conjured up is a pathetic one,
of the small child letting himself into a
silent house with no one there to share
with him the remembered trials or
triumphs of his school day.

Even at the primary school age, this picture does less than justice to the resourcefulness and complexity of much resourcefulness and complexity of much family life, as the Newsons' study Seven Years Old in the Home Environment has shown. The child may let himself in only to pur his things down before going off to the house of a relative of neighbour; his mother may ring up from work to fill the 10-maune gap until an older brother or sister gets in. Even so, most parents of primary school children are auxious if they cannot be there when their child arrives home. Most mothers, and not a few fathers, try to plan their working day so that the child does not come back to an empty house.

an empty house.

However, to borrow the concept of the latchkey child and use it to describe young people of secondary school age whose mothers go to work is quite mappropriate. Moreover it may mask a more serious problem, of the child who does not have the key to the family home, and is in effect locked ont by his parents, for reasons we will presently discuss.

Young people are now at school until at least the age of 16. Recent statistics have shown that over 50 per cent of married women are at work. Educationists and others who proffer their views on family life must face these undoubted facts. Rather than take refuge in unfiniking platindes about latchkey children, they might do well to recognize that it is both reasonable and desirable for young people to have access to and make responsible use of the family home.

The Newsons' longitudinal study of Not-

to have access to and make responsible use of the family home.

The Newson's longitudinal study of Nortingham children has not yet reported on the secondary school age years. No doubt it will in due course add a great deal to our understanding of the dynamics of the later stages of family rearing. However, as part of a three-year study of the relationships between secondary schools, the homes of pupils, and a number of welfare agencies, the Educational Studies Unit at Brunel University has conducted over a hundred home interviews in two outer London boroughs. Carrying out these interviews has given many insights into the complexities and the resourcefulness of family organization when parents are at work and children at secondary school. In our contacts with the families of secondary school children we found much evidence of mutual commitment and adaptability between parents and children which was enabling family life to continue, on effective if non-traditional lines. "Routines", timetables, calendars and diaries as tools of family organization were not confined to the middle class. Many parents who firmly, if ambiguously, identified themselves as working people "were cooperating with spouses and children in quite elaborate schemes for keeping home life going. Secondary school children met younger brothers or sisters ar primary school and brought them home; mothers were washing clothes in the evening for the next day; young people holding the

school and brought them home; mothers were washing clothes in the evening for the next day; young people holding the fort at home when we called had a confident if erratic notion of when their parents would get in from work and might be available for interview; fathers, mothers and older children took turns in preparing the evening meal; and the care of household pets often seemed to be everyone's auxious concern.

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Many teachers, as well as parents, contributed to our research. For teachers, discussing their pupils' home life, the ideas of "shift work " and " shiftlesmess" often seemed to be synonymous—a rather depressing indication of the confines of many teachers' occupational experience, since shift work in fact makes considerable demands on both the personal self-discipline and the inter-personal relationships of the worker. Many of the parents we interviewed, both mothers and fathers, were on shift work. This had both benefits and disadvantages for family organization. Quite often there would be one parent at home during the morning or part of the afternoon—if not at the educationist's witching hour of four o'clock—so that during school halidays children were unlikely to be left entirely to their own devices. House doors were often opened quietly in the daytime because of a sleeping family member, and the exigencies of varying shifts meant that parents and children alike had a heightened awareness



but what do the children do when their mothers are not waiting for them at home?

of the time boundaries of one another's involvement with airport, factory or school. Children's partime jobs often further complicated the family calendar, underlining our research conclusion that for the young person of secondary school age the family home is only one of a number of partime environments which contribute to his life experience.

The secondary school child who has the key of the door and lets himself into the family home after school is not necessarily a neglected child. He is being given the opportunity to make responsible and briefly exclusive use of a partime environment which he shares with other family members. He may positively welcome some time to himself at the end of the school day before taking up the family-member roles which have been in abeyance during his time at school.

In most of the homes we visited, family life seemed to be thriving on the requirement to interrelate the multiple roles of family member, employee or school pupil.

Inter-generational friction was certainly, and expectedly, in evidence, but parents and children alike seemed to take some pleasure in recognizing the reality, if cometines the intransigence, of one

pleasure in recognizing the reality, it sometimes the intransigence, of one another's priorities.

In a few of the homes we contacted, however, the usual annalgam of friction and cooperation had not been achieved. In an attempt to defend family, property, secondary school children were locked out of the house, by purents away at work. Sometimes this was a response to a general wading in to " or destruction of family supplies and equipment by children and their friends; more often it was because of the theft of money, by one or more family members. Families facing problems of this kind have a long way to go in arriving at the sense of mutual commitment which appears to sustain most modern family life, where the home is used by parents and adolescent children as a partitime shelter and resource, to be jointly serviced and used. Failure to arrive at this commitment is not assuaged by jointly serviced and used. Failure to arrive at this commitment is not assuaged by the apportioning of blame, as between parents or children. But providers of other part-time environments for young people—youth workers, teachers and social workers—may conclude that these "locked-out" children rather than "latch-key" children are an argent focus for their concern.

In our study of the relationships between schools, homes and agencies we found

child guidance clinic, the education wel-fare service or the juvenile bureau, offered specialist help which the family could either accept or reject, other agencies, clong with the schools, could best be described as surrogate parents for the child of secondary school age. The youth child of secondary school age. The youth and community service, some forms of social work—for example intermediate treatment—and the many forms of organized schooling, whether mainstream, special or "alternative", all offer the young person partime environments which constitute to some extent a temporary "home" or place-for-living.

Most of the parents we talked with had had no contact with specialized agencies and were not aware of their potential either to offer specialist help or to stand in as surrogate parents. However, the role of the teacher "in loco parents" was well understood, and often seen as offering parents a welcome respite. Neverthe-

ing parents a welcome respite. Neverthe-less most parents felt that teachers were less most parents felt that teachers were entitled to call them in, and look to them for help and support if their child was involved in anything more than ordinary classroom trouble. But those parents who defined their children as a threat to, rather than a sharer of, family resource; were looking for something more than part-time help with the parental task. They wanted someone to take over completely wanted someone to take over completely a task to which they had come to feel megual. In taking this attitude they were probably making a realistic assessment of their own capacity to cope with their plder children. But they were making their plea in vain, since intra-family theft or disruption were not defined either by police of social workers as triggers for wholes a striggers for

police of social workers as triggers for wholesale social intervention.

Parents of secondary school children are often the focus of sweeping criticisms about family lifestyles. The despair of those few parents who have failed—and admit it—to coexist and cooperate with their growing children, serves at any rate to point up the success of the great majority of families to arrive at a flerible and feasible modus vivendi. Let us think twice before we criticize from families who entrust the younger generation with the key of the door.

Daphne Johnson The author is Convenor of the Educational Studies Unit, Brunel University. She is writing here in her personal capacity. Crimes Newspapers Ltd. 1977.

Lingfield Park programme 1.30 ROTHERFIELD STAKES (Div 1: 2-y-o: 5998: 7f)



3.0 LULLENDEN HANDICAP (£1,235 : 1)m)

3.30 TICEHURST STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £727: 5f ROTHERFIELD STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o: £1,047 : 74)

Lingfield Park selections

By Our Racing Staff
1.30 Lord Rochford, 2.0 Tzi-Tzi-Giri, 2.30 Paulilac, 3.0 Mudgedown,
3.30 ARUBA is specially recommended, 4.0 King For A Day. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 1.30 No Bombs, 2.0 Pandas Gambol, 2.30 Lustrous Prince, 3.6 Port Ahoy, 3.30 Aruba, 4.0 Bernejo.

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Aerosol sprays: wasteful rather than dangerous?

From yesterday American shoppers will have a new compulsory health warning to consider. All aerosol hairsprays, deodorants and antiperspirants using liquefied chlorofluorocarbon gases as a propelbant will, by edict of the Food and Drug Administration, have to bear the warning: "Contains a chlorofluorocarbon that may harm public health and the environment by reducing ozone in the upper atmosphere." This is the start of a programme adopted by the American agencies to ban CFC aerosols from interstate commerce by April 15, 1979.

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The scare over nerosols began in 1974 when two American scientists, Professor Sherry Rowland and Dr Mario Molina, suggested that the fluorocarbons being released into the atmosphere at the rate of a billion pounds a year might destroy the protective layer of oxone in the stratosphere, exposing the Earth to ultra-violet radiation and its inhabitants to the risk of

skin cancer.
In America, where aerosols have been used to dispense everything from tooth-paste to chocolate whip and chantilly cream, the suggestion that the Earth might literally be scorched to death as a result caused profound alarm. In 1975 there was a 15 per cent drop in the manufacture of chlorofluorocarbons, largely due to lost

aerosol sales.

In Europe there was reaction too, but the authorities have not followed the American rush to ban chlorofluorocarbons. There is, in fact, no certainty that Rowland and Molina are right. If the orone wastage does occur, estimates vary from saying that it might be less than 1 per cent

over 50 years in more than 20 per cent. NASA will shortly be sending up more rockets and balloons to sample the stratosphere and add yer more to the mass of only presently analysed data arready com-

only be tank analysed dots arready com-piled by satellites.

Meanwhile there is no chance whatever, that manking wil be obliged to forgo the convenience of press-button sprays to kill its pess, sweeten its eight polish its furni-ture and ameliorese its body octours. The public controversy to date, as distinct from the scientific one, has been fuelled by misconceptions.

Few laymen aware of the warnings about aerosols realize that even in 1974, when the alarm was raised, only half the world's six billion nerosols were concerned. The others used liquetied petroleum gases, hydrocarbons such as propane and butane as propellant, or non-liquefied gases, such as carbon dioxide. 'These have never been implicated.

Nor are chlorofluorocarbons a concern of the aerosol industry exclusively. They are more indispensable to the refrigeration industry, because the alternative com-pounds suitable for refriceration are quite pounds suitable for refriceration are quite inxic, very smelly and difficult to contain in the equipment. Less than 50 per cent of the chlorofluorocarbons produced in the world goes into aerosols: the bigger part is used in refrigeration, air conditioning and to produce chemical foams.

The number of aerosols which eventually bear the American agencies warnings will be comparatively small. Already nearly 90 per cent of the aerosols being manufactured in the United States are filled with hydrocarbon or carbon dioxide.

propellants.

In Britain 500 million aerosols are produced annually. The Johnson Wax company, which manufactures one renth of them at Frimley Green, Surrey, has already reformulated its entire runce to replace chlorofluorocarbons completely.

Readers who may be concerned to know that most aerosols will in future be activated by the sort of gas that also fuels gas lighters and stoyes can be reassured. It is possible (though not advisable) to spray buttone propelled air-freshener on to an open fire without it igniting, because of the water droplets included in the mix. It is the active ingredients, such as the alcohol in heir lacquers, rather than the propellows, which make nost inflammable aerosols risky.

aerosols risky.

Even in America, chlorofluorocarbons are to cobtinue to be permitted in serosols where their use is deemed "essential".

To the layman the concept of an essential aerosol may be difficult to graso, though to an American corporation lawver anything is possible. Most approximate any thing is possible. Most exemptions are likely to be in the medical field.

likely to be in the medical field. In ecology-conscious Eurone the more serious compolaint against aerosols may prove eventually to be, not that they deplete the ozone layer, but that they waste finite resources, are unrefillable, and add unwarrantably to the general detritus of our civilization. Meanwhile opinion polls and market research show housewives publicly vowing layer to buy aerosols again, and then refusing in the shops to buy their familious polishes, hair sprays and so on in any other form.

Robin Young

JPY, in 1501

TIMBER

THE TIMES TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1 1977

BUSINESS NEWS

Office of Fair Trading

Panel looks

Concern about likely heavy

increases in road frieght charges against a background of wage negotiations which threaten to break the Government

ment's 10 per cent pay guide-lines prompted Mr Hattersley,

order the Commission to carry

out a nationwide examination

of the hauliers' cost and price

of the coal merchants is the first to be undertaken by a

regional office of the reconsti-tuted commission and was sparked off by complaints from the Welsh Consumer Council

These were that the merchants, who are based in the Presell and South Pembroke-

sbire areas of west Wales, are charging too high prices and offering too little competition

they are charging are typically about £10 a ton more than equivalent prices charged for the same coal by merchants in Cardiff.

came into effect on August 1, the commission can make far-

reaching recommendations en-forceable by the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection. Subject to parlia-

mentary approval, any such restrictions can last for an

indefinite period.

In making the reference on road baulage Mr Hattersley hinted at the threat of sanc-

tions against high wage sente-ments. He said a major factor

affecting the industry's charges appeared to be wage costs on which "current developments"

The Government is alarmed that a pay settlement giving heavy goods vehicle drivers in

the west Midlands a 15 per cent

pay increase will set a precedent for the remainder of the

Agreed late last month, the deal was made between union negotiators and the powerful

which represents 16,000 firms.

Wage negotiations are at present in progress for other areas, but the west Midlands is traditionally regarded as setting the pattern for the rest of the

The majority of road haulage

The majority of road haulage concerns are too small to have to prenotify the Price Commission about their proposed price increases. But the National Freight Corporation applied recently for increases of about 30 per cent for certain of its loss-making operations.

making operations.

After discussions with the commission the increases were subsequently modified to a maximum of 15 per cent for the Roadline UK parcels company while the increase in maximum of 15 per cent for the Roadline UK parcels company

while the locrease in rates of another NFC subsidiary, National Carriers, were agreed

would be relevant.

The inquiry into the profits

structure.

Sterling climbs to highest level for 18 months as Government acts to defend money targets

Floating pound advances 6.33 cents on the dollar in widespread demand

Sterling source to its above highest level since May, 1976, opened after the Bank of England let London. the rate float freely yesterday. It closed at \$1.8405, against the dollar, up 6,33 cents from Friday's close of \$1.7772. In effective terms the pound leapt by 3.5 per cent to 64.6 on the trade-weighted index. This effective rate index was at 62.5 before the weekend.

There is no indication yet whether the authorities will try to repeg the pound at a new rate, or what this rate would be. Some dealers believe that the pound could be

The Confederation of British Industry voiced sharp criticism

of the decision to float the pound. "We had urged the Government to seek a period of stability in the exchange rate", a spokesman said. "Our

inflation rate is still well above

that of our competitors. The

of a rising pound will not be welcome to industry."

Today the CBI will publish

its latest survey of trade trends. This will show that-

able figure a year ago was 39

loss in competitiveness

There was then an official measures.

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Official reserves for October are to be published tomorrow. The total was struck on Friday its intervention policies in and confirmed that the scale the light of the danger posed of inflows into poolids was such to its money targets by this as to threaten the Covernment's huge inflows of foreign means 9-13 per cent money target.

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There is no indication yet whither the authorities will ry to repeg the pound at a new rate, or what this rate would be. Some dealers believe that the pound could go as high as \$1.90 against the dollar by the end-of this week if the miners accept the productivity deal today.

The Government's decision to take the lid off the pound was first implemented early vesterday morning on the Far Eastern foreign exchanges.

The pound was then allowed to rise freely for a while. So far this year many of the torder for many of the funds coming that for its freely for

CBI says loss in competitiveness

Government's money and exchange rate policy was deemed inevitable, and the decision was taken to ler the pound go up

had become acrual.

down 1:15 prennig at DM2.2505.

Treasury Secretary, America wanted to preserve the strength of the dollar helped the currency to recover during

However, most dealers are expecting a further decline in the rate this year. The Bank of England has been the heaviest supporter of the dollar on the exchanges. Without this support, as the Bank allows the pound to rise, the dollar will be

noon trading.

Finally at the close sterling was traded simost 7 cents up against the dollar.

government agency.

At a time when many of the accepted practices—not least the single capacity of brokers and jobbers alike—are under strain, the investigation may have far reaching effects.

Investigation by the OFT may take up to two years. Although it will be wide runging there it will be wide ranging, there are about a dozen major targets, of which the two most crucial

inquiry starts into SE at freight restrictive practices A major and exhaustive tween brokers and jobbers, investigation into the operation The Stock Exchange Cou The Stock Exchange Council

restrictive practices it enforces
-particularly fixed commission that fixed commission rates should be dropped in favour of rates and the separation of stockbrokers and jobbers—has been started by the Office of Fair Trading. Yesterday the OFT placed tho freely negotiated rates and says its stance is vindicated by the events in the United States following the ending of fixed commissions there in 1975. constitution and rules of the Stock Exchange on the Register Since then some 150 brokerage firms have been forced into of Restrictive Trading Agreements following a preliminary investigation of the agreement between members of the Stock mergers or our of business altogether.

Exchange, which is strictly enforced by the Stock Exchange Along with Mosopolies and Mergers Commission inquiries into the proposed merger of the abolition did not work in the public interest." the jobbing firms Smith Brothers and Bisgood, Bishop, the OFT investigation will be the first into Stock Exchange

While not necessarily wholly in favour of the present system,

manager said yesterday: "The United States example showed that the broking fraternity were prepared to cut each others'

number of broking firms would

Mr Miller said there had been a "very substantial" improvement by British Oxygen

Our dilemma this afternoon was that while we were aware of the new offer we were not

in a position to put that for-mally to the conference", he

to have feith in us. But I can tell you there was no way I

would have reconvened this conference today unless I was personally convinced that the

company was prepared to improve radically their offer.

The company had been talking of "pound notes and not

When the strike started British Oxygen had offered the men 10 per cent plus a pro-

ductivity agreement which guaranteed another 4 per cent

At thet stage there were a number of conditions attached

to it but they were later removed at talks under the auspices of the Advisory, Con-

ciliation and Arbitration Ser-

pennies".

We have been asking them

Equities rally after an early retreat

will not be welcomed by exporters products which sold solely on of the Society of Motor Manu-price. But it was necessary to take a longer view; it would not be right to sell purely on price the long runs of the Society of Motor Manu-fecturers and Traders, said the situation called for even greater efforts to boost British proprice. But it was necessary to take a longer view; it would not be right to sell purely on price in the long run.

spokesman for the Engineering Employers Federa-tion, said a lot of members would welcome the float. The major problem facing industry was still inflation and this would help in the longer run. But companies whose product was off-the-shelf and quickly with the consumer would be hir. Their export prices would go up immediately. Manufacturers at the "beavier" and of engineering would not be even at the old exchange rate—go more than 60 per cent of tur exporters judged that prices were already a major factor limiting exports. The compar-tible figure a vegt ago was 39 Ch so badly affected. At the Association of British Chumbers of Commerce, which

may discuss the float at its national council meeting to-morrow, a spokesman considered that the sterling rate had been allowed to harden at others took sanguine view. Sir Frederick-Catherwood, chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, said the feeling in the past lew weeks had been that proone sector less well placed is the car industry. Foreign cars, aiready taking half of the home market, will become cheaper and the export prices of cars, and the market caport prices. vided the pound did not go very much above the \$1.80 mark the effects should not be The danger would be if it went up very rapidly over a will go up. Mr David Plastow, president hort period. That would hir

Roger Vielvoye writes: A rise in the value of the pound from \$1.72 to \$1.85 would reduce Britain's ner visible trade balance on oil from about \$200m a month to £186m. These figures should remain walld for figures should remain valid for about three months as North about three months as North
Sea production will rise only
slowly during this period.
Once the Claymore, Thistle,
Brent and Ninian fields begin
volume production next year
the monthly deficit is expected
to decline sharply.
A stronger pound will also
trim the £1,000m being spent
annually on imported equipment for North Sea operations.
Patricia Tisdall writes: Foreign
holiday and travel bookings
which are recovering from last which are recovering from last year's sales trough expect to be boosted by a rise in sterling. Tour operators say they are already baying difficulties in bolding their prices for next

sommer. However, the improve-ment in sterling should

By Our Financial Staff Unsettled by the prospect of a squeeze on corporate profits pound, share prices dipped sharply on the stock market in early trading yesterday.

At one point the FT Index was 12.4 points down at 496.9, but later on some buying interest reappeared, largely in the form of bear closing, and the index entirely the day only 3.6

index ended the day only 3.8 down at 505.5. The giltedged market inter-The gilt-edged market interpreted the news more positively. At the short end of the spectrum the prospect of reduced foreign buying of gilts led to some price falls of up to 1 point, but longer-dated gilts were beartened by the disinflationary implications of the news and saine of up to 11 news and gains of up to 11 points were recorded. As so often happens with a long anticipated development, starling's appreciation as an

As far as companies are con-cerned there has already been widespread concern that profits particularly from overseas

earlier, and a stronger pound is seen as putting a further squeeze on profits. Not only will 1976's exchange rate profits be absent, but, if the present parities hold, there could be significant losses on exchange rate conversion at the

Export margins will also be under pressure, especially next year, and it is pointed out that a lower rate of inflation will eat into profits made through

stock appreciation.

The glit market, however, was more interested in the implications for the money supply, which has seemed to be coming under intense pressure as a result of the huge inflows of

There are still worries about whether money supply will be containable next year as the economy revives.

Base rates cut: Finance House rates were cut half a point

to 6 per cent yesterday, the lowest level since July, 1972. FHA rates are fixed in rela tion to money market rates and Financial Editor, page 21

time he planned to set up a provisional meeting with British Oxygen to resume negoti-

A resumption will, of course,

Insurers to curb

Ulster fire losses Damage by terrorists in Northern Ireland is to be as-cluded from commercial and industrial fire insurance cover from April 1.

The now exclusion clause drawn up by the British Insurance Association is timed to coincide with the introduction of the Government's Criminal Damage (Compensation) Northdefines what the authorities regard as terrorist damage, for which government compensation will be payable. It does not affect private dwellings.

It is designed to eliminate confusion over Northern Ire-land claims which has in the past led to sizable financial losses to some insurers as well as higher administration costs

Government compensation has been available to property owners for terrorist damage under 1971 legislation, but a tonne lower. Coffee futures were least affected, as sterlings rise could only cancel out the effect of a sharp advance in New York coffee on Friday.

under 1971 legislation, but many firms have tended to pay out on policies immediately, recovering the appropriate proportion of their outlay when government compensation is made.

costs and Welsh coal The recently revamped Price has always resisted arguments different new tasks vesterday: an investigation into the gross profit margins earned by 14 Weish coal merchants, and a sectoral examination of the multi-million-pound road haulage industry.

Nicholas chairman of the Stock Ex-change, said yesterday: "At the moment my council would not want to abandon fixed commissions. Just look at the United States experience, when

most institutions, which theo-retically would gain financially from the abolition of fixed rates, believe that a free-for-all would be damaging.
One institutional investment

If a free-for-all developed, the

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BOC stewards will urge a return to work

to have caused 50,000 layoffs in other industries.

Bridsh Oxygen has refused to negotiate while the strike conest of margins to recommend a return to work of the 3,000 drivers and process workers who have been on strike for three weeks.

At a special meeting in London they voted initially 36—36 on the recommendation which improve radically their offer."

affairs to be carried out by a

and sensitive are the commis-

meant accepting a still-secret peace formula.

Then abstalners were urged to come "off the fence" in a second vote which decided by 38—36 in favour of recommending an end to the strike. Now stewards will hold meetings in the next two days at the 46 depots in the country

which have been directly affec-ted by the dispute.

Mr John Miller, Transport and General Workers!, Union national chemicals officer, said: grass roots level have endorsed decisions of the stewards. "But we have to bear in mind we have not had a massive vote in favour of a return to work. It could be a bit tricky ". Mean-

depend on members deciding to

RTZ judgment is reserved

at 9 per cent.

The industry argues that other costs apart from its wages, which account for only 40 to law suit currently being fought in the United States, was con-cluded yesterday. Judgment was reserved.

50 per cent of total costs, have

Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, yesterday took the opportunity afforded by his winding-up of a trade union conference on industrial strategy to criticize the Government's matters in allowing the

PARKER TIMBER GROUP LTD.

EXCELLENT RESULTS

The Annual General Meeting was held on 28th October, 1977. The Introducing is an extract from the statement of the Chairman, the K. Whitoy —

with a further marked increase in turnover and profits

The Group of Companies, as forecast has had a successful year.

Group Net Profit, before provision for taxation, amounted to

All timper divisions traded successfully during the year, despite

21 707,000, an increase of 2674,000. Provision for Corporation Tax, corpulated at 52% was \$1.415,000 (1976 £1;118,000). Group Turn-coor including Direct Exports of \$153,000 amounted to \$41,062,000

the burdens of inflation and increased costs from abroad. F. P. Sieward & Co. Ltd. increased output and services to our customers.

All branches of Parker Timber (Plywood) Ltd., have traded at sub-stantially increased turnover and profits. The new branch opened at Bristol has achieved excellent results, and allows a broader base

to plygood operations, particularly to Wales and the West Country.

During the year, productive capacity of pallets has been increased

and results achieved at all locations were up to expectations. Nationunde demand for roof trusses has been at a lower level with margins ander pressure; our share of the market has however been increased.

The factory site for building components at Pinxton has been stended by the purchase of a further three acres. Diamatic (Steel

abritations) Ltd., made a useful contribution to Group Profits.

haver international had a further successful year with a large rerease in storage and handling, currently it has the largest order need in shistory. A. Letter & Co. Ltd., have managed to maintain a scholactory level of turnever and prohlability in spite of the difficult needlings.

tonditions prevailing in the industrial packaging and insulation nationals trade. Plans are in hand for a considerable expansion in the

renuracture of corrugated fibreboard and plashe packaging

TUC chief says exchange

ment's motives in allowing the nound to float up.

hmirs set by the International Monetary Fund. Monetary Fund.

"Now we all know the dange that come flowing in with
Rut the statement what is good for the money

"Now we all know the danthe manufacturing sector, not
what is good for the money

He told union leaders: the Treasury statement argued that the industrial strategy is about was necessary to stop the think of hot money, which was added to the industrial strategy is about it is quite clear to the TUC is that we should not treat current exchange rate as a symbol of monetary virility or virtue.

"Decisions on the exchange Treasury statement argued that was necessary to stop the

the industrial strategy.

"Quite frankly, I don't know on the basis of what is good for what the level of the exchange investme

1276 931,571,000).

rate no 'virility symbol' that if the exchange rate goes up, our imports become cheaper and this belps to reduce

> "I siso know that it makes our exports dearer, and pos-sibly therefore loses attraction in world markets. I know that price is not everything.
> "Good design and quality can be just as important, and that is an important part of what

> rate are enormously important ones, but we need to take them on the basis of what is good for investment and employment in

IMF doubts on sterling stability

Washington, Oct 31-

.Britain's decision to allow the pound to float more freely was not prompted by pressures from the United States Treasury or the International Monetary Fund, according to informed sources here. Informal consultations had raken place recently between Pritish, American and IMF officials about sterling's ex-change rate, the sources said. It is believed that the IMF s concerned that a further rise in the pound in terms of the dollar may impair Britain's international treding competi-

Cveness. Such a rise 's widely ex-perred among New York foreign exchange dealers. These dealers said today that it seemed likely it would climb to \$1.86 in the next couple of days and perhaps go still

start intervening heavily once again to try to stabilize the pound, because of reduced expart compeditiveness implicit in a firmer sterling rate.

Gits yielding 11 per cent can still be bought and used as colleteral for losus in New York at 8 per cent, say the dealers. This highly-profitable operation was free of risk when sterling was free of risk when sterling was bought in the for-ward market fully to hedge the exchange rate risk.

So long as such opportunities were available the pound is seen as rising in terms of the dollar. This is said to be particu-

larly the case at a time when confidence in the management of the American economy is as low as it is now, as reflected by the weakness of share prices and such statements as that made last week by Dr Arthur Burns, chairman of the Federal higher. Burns, chairman of the Federal They consider that the Reserve Board, which bitterly

tration for acting in a manner that is depressing business confidence.

Peter Norman writes from Bonn: While sterling's movements against the Deutsche mark generally reflect its fluo tuations against the dollar, there appears to be a growing feeling in German banking circles that economic recovery in Britain is a reality. Michael Hornsby writes from

Brussels: The cost of nearly all food imports will remain unchanged because of the special over-valued exchange rate used for translating the EEC's common farm prices, expressed in units of account, into sterling. But the stronger pound will reduce slightly the size of the large subsidies which have to be paid on on British food imports to sustain the "green" pound rate,

London metal prices take heavy tumble

By Wallace Jackson Commodities Editor All London Metal Exchange prices were sharply lower yesterday following the advance

in sterling.
Copper cash wire bars lost
£21.25 a tonne to £640.50 and three months was £21 a tonne lower at £652.25.

by a decline in the Penang price, fell by £127.50 a tonne for standard cash to £6,872.50 and three months was £112.50 a tonne lower at £6,640.

Lead fell by £3.75 a tonne to £2.75 for a tonne £349.75 for cash and by £3.25 to £355.75 for three months. The falls in zinc were £8.50

and £14. Silver lost between 6p and 7p a troy ounce in the LME ring.

The Times index: 213.08-2:73 The FT index: 505.5-3.8

THE POUND

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Newsprint may cost £10 a tonne less this month By Edward Townsend

British newspapers could be paying £10 per tonne less for newsprint this month if ster-ling's rise is maintained. If all importers and the domestic producers—Bowater and Reed-follow suit, the reduction could save the newspaper industry about £1m in one month.

In the last round of newsprint price increases the Canadian suppliers were alone in imposing a currency clause in con-tracts allowing for adjustments should the pound rise in value above \$1.75.

This will now be triggered the Scandinavian and Finnish producers are expected to have little choice but to lower their prices. In the interests of maintain-

ing a stable price structure newsprint buyers and users are likely to agree on a system of credit notes leaving the posted prices, which average £240 a toune, unchanged. The last increase, in January, was £27 a toune and added about £32m to the publishing industry's 1977

How the markets moved

Rises 6p to 249p 15p to 264p 13p to 265p 11p to 56p 14p to 85p Mills Allen Ningate Explor Photo-Me Int Sidlaw Ind Steep Rock York 23p to 85p 10p to 290p 8p to 200p 6p to 83p 7p to 186p 6p to 76p 5p to 248p Coral Leisure Durban Rood Glanfield Secs Graham Wood

Bik Leumi Israel 6p to 21p
Blackwood Mt 9p to 17p
Borthwick T 9p to 81p
BSR 10p to 10p to 106p
E Rand Prop 35p to 359p
Grootviei 9p to 96p
Imp Cold Store 10p to 100p

Olit-edged securities were firm.

Dollar premium 92.75 per cent (effective rate 32.42 per cent).

Sterling gained 6.33 cents to \$1.8405. The effective exchange rate index was at 64.6.

36p to 391p 6p to 50p 7p to 62p 9p to 66p 15p to 266p Italy Lr 1635.00 Japan Yn 480.00 Netherlands Gld 4.60 Lydenburg Plat Rustenburg SA Land Seccombe Mar Norway Kr Portugal Esc S Africa Rd Taylor Woodrow 14p to 466p Unilever: 12p to 572p Sweden Kr Gold gained \$0.50 an ounce to \$161,625. Switzerland Fr SDR-£ was 1.17999 on Monday, while SDR-£ was 0.664099. Commodities: Reuter's Index was at 1,463.8 (previous 1,484.9). Reports, pages 22 and 24 US S Yugoslavia Dac 38.75 Rains for small denomination is only as supplied yesterday by Bank international Lid. Diffe apply to travellers' cheques foreign currency business.

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The appeal to the House of Lords by seven directors and senior executives of Rio Tinto-Zinc, the United Kingdom based international mining house, against being forced to testify in a \$2,000m uranium law suit currently being fought

Patricia Tisdall

Henry Boot Interim Report 1977

The Construction activity is on budget. The Engineering activity is maintaining budget and has considerably reduced its level of loss which obtained in 1976. The Foundry activity has returned to a break-even position during the period under review. The Joinery activity is below budget. All other activities are on budget. Profit margins generally remain under increasing pressure. Whilst Group turnover in 1977 is expected to show an increase over 1976, Group profits before tax are expected to be close to the previous year. Work in the public sector is at a very low level. The private sector has not yet shown any increased confidence in the future.

The UNAUDITED results of the Group include:

	1977	1976		
	Half-year	Half-year	Year	
-	ended	ended	ended	
•	30th June	30th June 31st Decembe		
	£,000	£,000	£,000	
Turnover .	31,489	26,133	57,017	
Profit before taxation	977	1.172	2,531	
Extraordinary item		4	-,	
	977	1,176	2,531	
Taxation	508	608	1,328	
Profit after taxation	469	568	1,203	

The Directors of the Company have declared an interim dividend of 21p per Ordinary Share of 50p in respect of the year ending 31st December 1977 which is at the same rate as the interim dividend declared last year and will amount to £132,715 (full year 1976, £437,000). The dividend will be paid on the 11th November 1977 to shareholders whose names are on the register at the close of business on the 27th October 1977.

27th October 1977 Chairman CONSTRUCTION engineering FINANCE JOWERY PLANT Copies of this Interim Report may be obtained from the Secretary,

Henry Boot & Sons Limited, Banner Cross Half, Sheffleld, S11 9PD.

Dawnay Day Group Malayalam Plantations 23 22 Grampian Regional Council 23 Parker Timber

During the year the Group invested £882,000 in capital projects end maintaining our continuing confidence in maintaining our programme of expansion and modernisation. Turnover for the first five months of the Current Year is 121% agreer in value than for the same period last year. Current trading quite satisfactory and we hope that subject to any unforeseen thoulies a further successful year's trading will be enjoyed by e Graup. The accounts for the year to 31st March, 1977 were adopted no dividend of 5.445p (maximum permitted) approved payable 4th

PARKER HOUSE, 144 EVELYN STREET. DEPTFORD, LONDON SER 5DE

Sterling climbed rapidly to clear that overseas money was above \$1.80 in Tokyo and continuing to flood into Lon-opened at \$1.8025.\$1.8075 in don despite the Chancellor's

Thus a conflict between the

before further money supply figures showed that the conflict

have some difficulty achieving its money targets this year, and in setting targets for next year which are neither too restricrive nor thought to be too inflationary. Gilts have been sup-ported this year by the foreign inflows and with low institu-

all currencies yesterday, closing at a new low against the Japanese yen of 349.1, and the Swiss frame of 2.232. It closed

tional liquidity there is a limit on the amount of domestic sales which will take place. The dollar lost ground against

rise, the weakened. moved sharply lower against most major currencies in after-

Wall Street prices too re-flected the uncertainty affecting the dollar. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed 4.33

into planning By Clifford Webb agreements

By Donald Macintyre Labour Reporter

Mr Jack Jones, General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said yesterday that the Government should take powers to compel Britain's top 100 companies to enter into planning agreements.
Agreements between unions, government, and private indus try were essential to the success of the Government's

industrial strategy, he said. Mr Jones's remarks, amounting to a declaration that the strategy had so far failed, came at a conference of 300 senior trade unionists in London called to consider the unions' in shaping industrial

The conference approved a The conference approved a critical TUC background paper which pointed out that since the 1975 White Paper, An Approach to the Industrial Strategy, which provided for planning agreements, only one, with Chrysler, had been signed. Mr Jones complained that the Government had been "hi-Mr Jones complained that the Government had been "hijncked off course", and added: "The Civil Service and the Confederation of British Industry may think they have effectively buried planning agreements but frankly, if the industrial of the confederation of the course trial strategy is going to work, their introduction is essential.

"Faced with determined opposition from the CBI and nome employers the Govern-ment has no choice but to amend the Industry Act to ensure that at least the 100 top planning agreements by the end of next year." should

Union call to Striking Chrysler shop stewards force top 100 vote to picket suppliers' plants

Chrysler. UK's rapidly deteriorating financial position rapidl**y** —it lost £19m in the first nine
months of this year—took
another knock yesterday when
shop stewards at its Linwood,
Renfrewshire, plant voted to
escalate their formight-old

They are calling on trade unionists throughout western Scotland to support the stoppage and are planning to picket the factories of Chrysler's main component suppliers.

This latest move follows the breakdown of further talks between the company, shop stewards and the Scottish TUC. After a five-hour meeting in Glasgow on Sunday it was announced that there was little common ground. No date was fixed for a further meeting.

Accounts system

cial information by public and

private companies was suggested yesterday by Mr Stanley Clin-ton Davis, Parliamentary Under

Secretary of State for Com-panies, Aviation and Shipping,

He told the Industrial Society that for small companies man-

azed by their owners the present level of disclosure was

already orguably too high. He was speaking on government proposals for new disclosure requirements for companies

Looking ahead, he said. it may well be that they would

move into a three-tier system .

tiers proposed A suggestion of a three-tier system for disclosure of finan-

in three

the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service were present at the talks, but only as observers. So serious is the situation, however, that, despite its lack of official involvement, Aras was talking to both sides last night to try to close the

Meanwhile, moves were being made to ask Mr Jack Jones, of the transport union, and Mr Hugh Scanlon, of the engineers, to intervene in the dispute. The strike, the most serious

ine strike, the most sterpood in to rescue Chrysler, has stopped all production of Avengers and the new Sunbeam small car. All 7,000 merual employees at Linwood have been laid off have been laid off.
The talks became bogged

that the dispute is only sympto-matic of long-standing labour problems at Linwood, Another strike which has become deadlocked has stopped all car and commercial vehicle production at Vauxhall fac-tories. More than 18,000 workers have been laid off since 3,000 electricians, sup-rotted by other skilled workers, walked out just over

a week ago. In an unprecedented gesture, Vauxhall is paying full wages to the 18,000 because most are in favour of the 10 per cent

wage offer
Leyland's problems eased
vesterday when 600 vehicle inspectors employed at Longtridge voted to end a strike which has made a further 7,300 The talks became bogged idle and stopped production of because Chrysler is insisting the Mini and Allegro.

British Shipbuilders sales team to visit Hongkong

Industrial Correspondent

Britain is planning to send a top level ship sales team to Hongkong next month in an attempt to interest shipowners to build in United Kingdom

yards. There has been considerable contact between Hongkong's shipowners and senior execu-tives of British Shipbuilders, the state shipbuilding organiza-tion established in July. Mr Michael Casey, chief executive of British Ship-builders, is expected to lead the team, and he is likely to

markering policy.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, the
Minister of State for Industry,
is at present in Hongkong and
he is expected to emphasize
the opportunities in British

Honekong's owners represent one of the most influential groups in world shipping and traditionally they have had a large part of their tonnage

built in Japan. Few have placed orders in Britain recently, and those that have taken delivery from United Kingdom yards have expressed reservations on British yards' ability to meet delivery datas Financial Editor, page 21, be accompanied by Mr John

Yard chooses Ampex for fingerprint system

The fingerprint comparison system inaugurated by New Scotland Yard last week is based on a Videofile installation provided by Ampex Corporation of California. In essence the system combines television recording techniques with computer-based process control and data management to record, store and retrieve records of fingerprints.

The prints on file are visually compared with those of suspects or those obtained at the scene of crimes by fingerprint officers at the Yard.

About 2.5 million fingerprints are held on the police national fingerprint collection. To transfer these to videotape for the new automated system will take about two years, it is estimated.
Videofile will be used by the
Fingerprint branch of New
Scotland Yard's Criminal Investigation Department, which provides an identification service for the London MetropoliComputer news

and international police organizations. This branch has two main operations: the main bureau, which provides identification of urrested persons by fingernrint comparison with those of con-victed prisoners; and "scenes of crime", which attempts to identify latent prints collected where crimes are committed.

Most identifications are now made from manual comparison with the fingerprint forms housed in the national collec-These are based on a classification system developed b. Sir Edward Henry an adopted by the Yard in 1901. Under the Henry system, there are 1,024 primary classifications of fingerprints; when combined with individual finwith no prints at all.

Manual searches can take a long time, since the Henry classification is not unique to an individual. The Videofile system will cut the time needed for print comparisons, so reducing the number of men required to service the main fingerprint collection by one

Magnified pictures of finger-prints will be recorded on videotape. When the main bureau receives a request to identify an arrested person (an average of about 2,000 a day), basic information will be fed into the police national computer system ay Hendon.
The Hendon computer will identify likely respondents; the Videofile system will then extract print images from its tape library and transfer them on to a "work in progress" tupe for viewing by a New

ger patterns these give more Scotland Yard fingerprint than one million possible file officer on one of four terminals, groups—some very large, some The terminals use a split-The terminals use a split-screen technique which shows the suspect's prious on the upper half of the screen, for direct comparison with prob-able matching prints on the

> To identify latent prints found at the scene of a crime, a separate computer in the Videofile system is used. This is a Data General Eclipse minicomputer, working on Ampex software to provide compari-sons with files of known and unidentified criminals' prints via 16 terminals. About 55,000 comparisons are expected to be

The Yard's Videofile and related services are valued at about £2.9m. According to Colonel John Owen, chief-engineer, New Scotland Yard, the system will pay for itself in about 10 resets about 10 years.

Meriden to scrap flat rate system

on wages

A mass meeting of the 600 strong labour force at the Meriden Motorcycle Co-operative, voted yesterday to end the equal pay-for-all agreement which has been in force since which has been in force since March, 1975.

the co-operative was formed in At that time the Meriden men's willingness to accept identical pay packets, whatever their jobs, played a significant part in persuading the Labour Government to provide the £5m purchase price set by Meriden's Norton Triumph.

Yesterday the Meriden workers voted unanimously for the introduction of a graded incen-tive scheme based on output to supplement their present 258 a week flat rate.
The details have still to be

worked out by a joint manage-ment-worker committee, but unofficially it is thought that about £5 a week will be an attainable average increase.

Mr John Rossmond, the worker chairman, is insistent that the self-financing scheme

will be within the government's pay guidelines.

Loyalty to the enterprise, born out of an 18-month sit-in, came under pressure when the company got into trouble early this year.

this year.

But with healthy order books again, there is work for another 40 men. The problem is how to attract recruits at wages well below those paid in local factories.

Export prospect for AGRs seen as brighter

Mr Frank Tourbs, chairman of the Electricity Council, yes-terday questioned the tradi-tional view that Britain's advanced gas cooled reactors
(AGR's) have poor sales prospects abroad in competition
with light water reactors.
Mr Tombs told the Institution of Electrical and Electronics Technician Engineers that

be based his responsizal of the AGR exports prospects on the fact that the safety criteria in all countries were "getting more onerous".

"People are looking for safer-then are reserves. Although the then-safe reactors. Although the light water reactors are per-fectly acceptable on safety grounds rules, the AGR has more to offer and we should be able to sell it just because it is different from water re-actors."

obn Owen, chief and coal are likely to provide three-quarters of Britain's total energy consumption this year, according to short-term fore-casts prepared by the Department of Energy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

London Transport: case for cutting passenger miles increase

From Mr John Argenti

Sir, I disagree with Mr Flower

October 17) on so many points tive for LT is more likely to be concerning London Transport's haive passenger-miles every corporate objectives that I two decades. hardly know where to start. I believe a corporate objec-

I believe a corporate objective should say what the organization is trying to do for whom. This sort of thing: "provide a refuge for battered wives" or "give shareholders a return on their capital". But Li's proposed objective of "passenger-oiles" tells us nothing like this at all. I believe this is because it is really an operational objective a menagement indicatollowing year.

objective, a management indica-tor on the same level in a hier-archy of objectives as, say, pupil-teacher ratios or share of the market—and that is a long way down from the level of corporate objectives. As for exming to maximize passenger miles, or increasing them beyond today's level or beyond some forecast level, for

beyond some forecast level, for whose benefit would that be? I can understand LT unnagers being delighted to aim to achieve this, so would LT employees, but what about the tax payer and the car driver? Does LT still not understand that, as we all grow richer, we shall want to leap joyously from their buses anto our quiet, private, flexible, punctual, polite, comfortable, obedient cars?

Voice of reason for the City

From Mr Eric Ogden, MP for Liverpool, West Derby (Labour) Liverpool, West Derby (Labour)
Sir, Peter Quinnen's defence of
the City (October 25) in reacting to Eric Moonman's fine
article is pathetic. I really do
despair of the way the City
lashes out every time a reasonable attempt is made to
examine its strengths and weaknesses. And make no mistake
this particular Labour MP is
noted—not only for his competence and experience of
British industry but also because he represents the moderare stream of his party.

If Mr Quinneo and his

If Mr Quinnes and his friends cannot live with Mr Moonman then they should not be too surprised if the extreme left of the Labour Party win the day at conferences and at the day at conferences and at the day at the beautiful heavy the street of the labour Party win the day at conferences and at the labour party win the day at the labour party win the street of the labour party win the trade union branches when the cry is "The only way to get business and the City to function properly is for total state control". The apparent inconsistencies in Mr Moouman's stateless are trade less incontrol. sistencies in Mr Moodman's stricle are much less important than the fundamental approach and the style he advocated. Surely wiser heads in the City than Mr Quinnen will want to follow up Mr Moodman's ideas with the same degree of honesty and courage which he has shown. ERIC OGDEN, House of Commons.

Mr Flower says a target should always be set unatrainably high. A target that is setainable provides no inducement to do better, he says. Since when? Last time I exceeded my target my boss gave me a bonus and I do not remember it stopping me from aiming for a bigger bonus the

He also says a target need not be verifiable. Does not the entire basis of modern management rest on the cycle—set a target, check progress, take corrective action? If the target is not verifiable management becomes impossible. samply do not know what he

has in mind.

I know what I have in mind.

I think the entire public sector (with honourable exceptions) has biddled about for three decades now trying to decide what they are supposed to be doing for whom. Not mree decades now trying to decide what they are supposed to be doing for whom. Not having the slightest idea they take refuge in meaningless jar-gon like "maximize passenger-miles". JOHN ARGENTI.

Pettistree Lodge. Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Buying property to aid industry

From Mr A. C. B. Urwin
Six, Mr Richard Holloway's
letter ("What pension funds
buy", October 24), is misinformed in many weys bur
shere is one which I would
like to single out for comment,
for it is based on a complete
misunderstanding of the mechsnism by which all private and
public sector funds invest over-

For many years now under the Bank of England exchange control regulations investment overseas has only been possible with currency purchased from an existing holder of overseas assets or by borrowing the cur-rency concerned. rency concerned.

In the case of the Electricity Supply Pensions Funds property investment in the United States has been financed by back to back losa arrange-ments, the express aim of the trustees being that a corresponding American investment in this country would be in-

in this country would be in-dustry orientated and close to the point of production. This sim has been achieved and the resultant investment has been of value to the economy and A. C. B. URWIN, Slectricity Supply Superannuatina Schemes, London, SW1P 4RD.

Laws that iobless total

From Mr S. R. G. Banks
Sir, Any action that government takes to reduce unemployment must be welcomed but Mr Healey is misleading himself, his colleagues and the nation if he believes that economic measures alone can reduce unemployment significantly. The root cause of unemploy-ment today is the effect on

small business employment policy of the Employment Protection Act and the Redundancy Payments Acts. In my own case I cannot possibly engage new staff younger than myself for, if I did, I am guaranteeing a massive bill for redundancy payments when I retire. If I am to engage new staff at all I must compare the marginal profit to be gained with the potential

cost of making a mistake.

The penalty for unfair dismissal can be as high as £12,000 and in the experience of associates will cerainly be in excess of £1,000, including costs, even where the employer was, by all reasonable criteria, fully justified in dismissing staff. justified in dismissing staff, There are few business oppor-tunities likely to produce sufficient marginal profit after penal direct taxation to justify that sort of risk.

Large businesses in the normal course of events do not normal course of events to not increase employment, indeed their very justification is the increase in output per head by improved methods and reductions in manpower. Any increase in employment can, therefore, only come from expansion of employment in the expansion of employment in the small business sector. Unfortu-nately, so long as the Employment Protection Act, Redundancy Payments Acts and penal taxation of marginal profit continue unchanged, the two million or more self. employed such as myself will continue to be unwilling and unable to take on additional

Carnegie Road

I ax cut

From Mr E. F. Northcete Sir, It is much to be regretted that the Chancellor's latest con-cessions give no specific help cessions give no specific help to married couples with child-ren. The figures are as ren. T follows:

Married couples, both in employment £88.40 a ye Married couples, wife fully employed on rearing children £54,40 a year Single persons £34,00 a year Single persons £34.00 a year No wonder the birth rate is so dangerously low. EDWARD F. NORTHCOTE, 91 Cottenham Park Road,

Sugar

LEGAL NOTICES

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On the 11th October, 1977 a critical was PRESENTED to the

Octoner 1977
DATE and PLACE of FIRST
MICHINGS.
CREDITORS 16 Notember 1977,
81 2 50 pm

G. A. WEISS, Liquidator.

DATED THIS 25TH DAY OF G. A. WEISS. Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES Company Petition of 1977
Connected with
Company Application No. 302
of 1977.
IN the High COURT at CALCUTTA
Original Jarisdiction.

the High Court of JUSTICE

MINDING-UP ORDER made 10th October 1977. October 1977.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST
MELTINGS 15th November
1977. of Boom COD Manix House,
1980 at 10.00 a clock.
CONTRICTORIES on the same day, and at the same place at 10.30 a clock.

H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Hecelver, and Brandstal

CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

DEMOCRATIC AND POPULAR REPUBLIO OF ALGERIA

Ministry for Energy and the Petrochemical

industry Entreprise Nationale Sonatrach Marketing Division Home Market Directorate

International Invitation to Tender No. 2/77

As part of a programme for the setting up of 31 inte-As part of a programme for the setting up of 31 integrated plants for the distribution of petroleum products (fuels, bitumen, lubricating oils, LPG, etc). Entreprise Nationale Sonstrach invites, in respect of 7 units, tenders for the design, supplying of equipment, the construction and commissioning in Algeria of the following:—

Five (5) integrated distribution plants for secondary Two (2) integrated distribution plants for primary

One (1) drum filling centre for LPG. Specialist companies interested in the project may obtain copies of the tender specifications as from the date of publication of this notice upon payment of the

30NATRACH
Division Commercialication
Direction du Marche Interiour
Immeuble El-Djamila
1 Place El-Qods
Hydra, Algeria
7 Talex: DPI 57.799 DZ

Tenders accompanied by the necessary documenta-tions should be placed in two sealed envelopes, the outer one of which is clearly marked:—

"A ne pas ouvrir—soumission—A.O.12/77" and be send by registered post to Entreprise Nationale Sonatrach at the above address to arrive not later than December 30, 1977. Bidders shall be bound by their tenders for a period of Any bid failing to comply with the above requirements shall be disregarded.

CORPORATION OF LONDON THE
EPPING FOREST ACT 1878

More Legal Notices appear on page 12

STANLEY F. HEATHER. Comptroller and City Solicitor.

TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY OF BROADCAST **TRANSMITTERS**

SIERRA LEONE GOVERNMENT

The Government of Sierra Leone is inviting Tenders for the supply of TWO MEDIUM WAVE TRANSMITTERS as specified below:—

- (i) 2 x 10 KW Medium Wave Transmitters
- New Aerial Array System
- Electrical Installation/Accessories
- Rehabilitation of existing building
- Test Equipment

2. Tenders for the supply of the above are limited to the following major electronics firms currently manufacturing, and are being solicited on the basis of international competitive bidding:—

- Marconi, Chelmsford, England
- Rhode & Schwarz, Munich, West Germany
- Brown Boveri, Zurich, Switzerland (iii)
- Thomas-CSF, France (iv) R.C.A., Jersey, England (v)
- N.E.C. Tokyo, Japan S.P.A. Radionica. (viii)
- 3. Tender may be selected from the point of view of technical excellence of product, easy access to spares, technical maintenance guarantees; delivery period, installation and training terms, and cost of equipment.
- 4. Tender documents can be collected as from 21st October, 1977 either in person from :-The Permanent Secretary,

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Freetown

or by mail by writing to :-

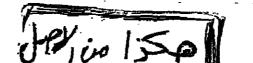
The Head of Chancery, Sierra Leone High Commission, 33 Portland Place, London, W.1, The Head of Chancery,

Sierra Leone Embassy, 69 Avenue Franklin Roosevelt, Paris 75008, (3) The Sierra Leone Embassy, Ubierstrasse 83, Bad Godesberg, West

Embassy of the Republic of Sierra Leone, Via Paolo Frisi, 44, 00197 on payment of a deposit of L50 (fifty-leones) which will be refundable on receipt of a bona fide

5. Tenders should be sent to the addresses listed above in sealed envelopes marked TENDER FOR-THE SUPPLY OF BROADCAST TRANSMITTERS before noon on Tuesday, 29th November, 1977. 6. The Government of Sierra Leone does not bind itself to accept the highest or lowest tenders.

> P. G. DEIGH, Permanent Secretary.



BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Gilts get the message

However reluctantly it may have been taken, yesterday's decision to let sterling rise is excellent news for the gilt-edged market. It is first and foremost a reassertion in the belief that control of the money supply is regarded by policymakers as the top priority.

There had come to be some doubt on that

score. Earlier this year it had been possible to sell gilts on a sufficient scale to neutralize the effect of the foreign currency inflows and simultaneously to hold the pound stable in terms of its Smithsonian index. Latterly the inflows have no longer been containable in this way, and it will be profoundly reassuring to financial markets that, when something had to give, it was the sacred cow of export competitiveness rather than the

monetary targets.

It is true that, if the higher parity achieves its objective and the inflows abate, an important factor which has fuelled the rise in gilt prices will be eliminated. It is certainly bard to see Minimum Lending Rate going anywhere other than up. But initial indications from the continent yesterday did not point to a sudden cessation of invest-ment in British financial assets, and if it is once seen that the Bank of England is inter-vening to hold the pound back at a higher level the bot money will come flowing in

quicker than ever.

For equities the prospect of lower inflation via a strengthening pound is not a wholly unmixed blessing, however. Losses on exchange rate conversions and pressure on export margins will intensify existing worries about corporate profitability next year and point to a period of some uncertainty in the immediate future for share prices.

But real living standards will now be rising more strongly and the short term effect of the stronger pound on the balance of payments will be to increase it before the competitive disadvantages work through. Add in the prospect of higher dividends, unimpaired by the pound's rise, and shares still look more likely to go up than down.

Profits

Export margins will be squeezed

The near two point improvement in the terms of trade between the second and third quarters this year says more about the longer-term competitiveness of British exports than all the less than sanguine forecasts on the outlook for exports next year that have started to seep out of some manu-

facturing groups.

For although some of the gain in the terms of trade has been due simply to sterling's appreciation, it has been fairly apparent that exporters have been reasonably successful in restoring profit margins closer to levels ruling this time last year when sterling was under pressure. There is, however, a limit to how far this can go and it is a fair assumption that exporters will have to take the lion's share of yesterday's appreciation in sterling on margins since otherwise they will be squeezed out of world

There is, it is true, little evidence from exchange rate eats into export potential with quality, delivery dates and so on affecting same token, though, there is little practical cyldence about the elasticity of British exports and at the moment few would probably disagree that they are fairly price-

Short-term, then, sterling's rise will inevitably squeeze export margins although in the medium-term there should be some offset from reduced cost pressures at home as lower import costs work through to industry. Whatever the final outturn the immediate effect must be to knock even more of the shine off last year's market leaders like overseas traders and insurance brokers, while shipping, whose costs are in sterling and revenue in foreign currencies, is aiready in the doldrums for other reasons.

Stock Exchange

A challenge on commissions

Is The Stock Exchange operating a cartel? Possibly, says the Office of Fair Trading, and duly sets in motion an elaborate procedure which could put The Stock Exchange's rule book and its commission rate structure In front of the Restrictive Practices Court. It could be two years before that happened,

threat at a time when the market has plenty of short-term problems to deal with. Moreover, since one of the results of the OFT's action might be forced abandonment of the fixed commissions structure, The Stock Exchange reckons it has a good defence in that the two-year-old era of negotiated com-missions in New York has brought havoc to the market there in terms of the failure

rate of brokerage houses.
If negotiated commissions were introduced in London under a Restrictive Practices Court edict there would undoubtedly be similar consequences. Whatever institutional investors may say now they would be bound to seek the best dealing price available, and in the fight for survival in a competitive environment some would be cutting commissions

It is clear, too, that under negotiated commissions the jobbing system which is unique to London would be placed under serious stress in its present form since pres-



Mr Gordon Borrie (left), director-general of the Office of Fair Trading, and Mr Nicholas Goodison, chairman of The Stock Exchange.

sure from brokers to act in a dual capacity

role could become uncontainable.

As the OFT starts detailed investigations then, The Stock Exchange will be raising the spectre of the carnage that could result among member firms if fixed commissions

Company disclosure

Horses for

courses

Prompted both by passed and intended EEC directives on Company Law, the Department of Trade is tinkering with a far more complex but fairer system of disclosure than exists under current legislation. Thus Mr Stanley Clinton Davis talking to the Industrial Society yesterday said that it may well be that the United Kingdom will move into a three-tier system of corporate disclosure; a shortened simplified form for small companies, an extended version of the currently required reports and accounts for medium sized companies and comprehensive accounts, on the lines suggested in the recent Green Paper, for large companies It would reduce substantially the prob-lems of both the Accounting Standards Committee in drawing up rules for the presentation of accounts which must apply equally to large and small, and of the Auditing Practices Committee, which is still in the throws of producing strict guidelines

But altering the rules on disclosure alone, will not be enough. It is impossible to divorce disclosure requirements from the requirements of company addits. Disclosure which is not audited is almost worthless, whereas auditing of unnecessary disclosure is expensive, timewasting, and potentially misleading in that an auditor may be pronouncing on figures, which he has not real reason to qualify, yet, because of the smallness of the concern, cannot properly identify.

for checking the disclosure a company has

A solution would be to return to the posi-tion prior to the 1967 Company Act where very small companies were exempt from filing returns. But that would take away at least some protection to creditors. The department has so far set its face against a change in the form of incorporation for small companies which would keep limited liability but take away the need for a full audit. Accountants disagree over the merits of such a proposal while there are legitimate worries for two-tier disclosure for public companies. The whole question of disclosure and audiring is open to debate. It should not be left to the accountancy profession to Certainly, it is being seen as a long-term put the only case.

David Blake takes a look at the reasons behind the decision to let the pound float

STERLING

nepult of the floor.

The ending of phase two of

In the short-term therefore

the effect will be to accentuate a loss of competitiveness which

£/\$ spot rate

Mr Healey sticks to his monetary targets

The decision to let the pound float up yesterday was forced on the authorities by the con-tinuing inflows of recent weeks. But its true genesis goes back much farther than that, to October, 1976, when minimum lending rate was raised to 15

The meaning of that action was that under the pressure of financial crisis the Government intended to put observance of its monetary targets above everything else. The decision to ler sterling go up means that even now that the external crisis has passed the money guidelines still have priority. The first thing to realize is that the Treasury has not been converted to international moneparism, with its belief that a rise in the exchange rate is the means by which tight money supply targets cause lower inflation.

The old rules are still thought to apply; for every rise of S per cent in the pound's value, the inflation rate is reduced by about L1 per cent.

Byen the international mone-tarists themselves would con-cede that in the short-term the cede that in the short-term the relation is not one to one; in their latest Economic Outlook the London Business School asserted that the anti-inflationery impact of a revaluation takes four years to come through fully, and that even after 18 months only half the effect has been felt.

effect has been felt.

Over the next year, the effect of any change in parity will be only to a small extent on the inflation rate (though we can expect that to be exaggerated as much now in an effort to talk down union wage demands as it was dismissed earlier on in an effort to justify the policy of holding the pound down). down).
The most obvious impact will

The most covious impact will instead be on our external account, with a leap in the terms of trade to a higher level leading to a larger surplus than expected over the next six months, followed by a downturn in the manner.

in the volume of exports.

Export volumes have been growing very sharply this year. This is no accident but a reflection of the competitive advantage which was gained in 1976 through the pound's slide. That tallde reduced the relative price of British exports to little more than 85 per cent of their Merch, 1973, level, according to the index constructed by the Morgan Guzranty Trust.

Since then the pound has stopped falling and appreciated

FMAMILASION BREMAMILIASO by 14.9 per cent. The relative consistent. At the centre of price index is now above 100 these policies has been for some and will rise further as a time the guideline that sterling

time the guideline that sterling M3 should rise by only 9 per cent to 13 per cent over the current financial year. Some of the loss of compen-tiveness shown by this was caused by an acceleration of inflation which was in turn caused by the higher import prices produced by the 1976 devaluation; but much of it comes from the ract that for 1977 as This target first emerged at the end of last year when the International Monetary Fund visited London, but events since then turned it into a much tighter policy then originally expected. a whole the domestically generated rate of inflation has been higher than that of our trading partners of a time when our exchange rate has been tending

expected.

The monerary growth this year was expected to be on top of a total sterling. M3 stock of around £42,000m; in fact money supply undershot the Government's target for 1976-77 by just under £2,000m. pay policy wil almost certainly lead to a renewed widening of this differential as pay settlements result in earnings increases of more than 10 per

In most countries where monetary targets have been applied for a long period of time by authorities who really believe in them, the targets are rolled over, so that extra leeway would have been left for monetary expansion this year to compensate for the 1976-77 undershoot. undersboot.

In the United Kingdom the exact opposite has happened. Because the total money stock at the beginning of the year was lower than expected, the permissible increase in money supply during 1977-78 was also lower. That was one element making the rask of the autho-

has been occurring already.

It is probably significant that the latest CBI Industrial Trends survey published today will show that 51 per cent of exporters now find that price is a major constraint on their ability to sell abroad, the highest figure recorded apart from one occasion at 1972 (when the figure was 65) and one in 1975. The difference between then and now is that both those surveys came just as the pound was about to be allowed to slide to restore competitivenes; now it is about to go up because of financial pressures. Some of the strain will be taken by profits; and some by a fall in export volume and thus of output.

These are some of the points which make the Treasury unhappy about what has happened; but did they have any choice?

It has been clear for some time that the speaks being manrities more difficult.

As monetary targets become accepted as a continuing central part of economic policy, there ought to be some serious thinking about the form which they take, with a switch to rolling monetary targets so that one year's undershoot does not lead to an unintended tightening. Such a switch is also desirsold a switch is also desirable because the present system means that by the second half of the year the cards are stacked very beavily against the authorities in any particular Ir has been clear for some time that the goals being pur-sued by the authorities were in-

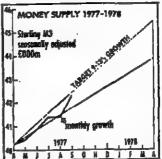
one idea which does seem to have been considered which was going above the 13 per-cent guideline for a month or so and then allowing the outflows which would result to

bring down the money supply.

For such a policy to have had even a chance of working it would have had to be continued for so long that the Government could not have been sure of bringing the money supply back within the guidelines.

More important than these problems of exactly what kind expected and unprecedented inflows. Money supply has two broad components: the domesboroad components: the domes-tic element of government borrowings from banks and private bank leanding; and the external one of net inflows (which add to the money supply) or outflows which reduce it.

The domestic side of the equation has been far smaller this year than expected, as one revision downwards of govern-



ment borrowing has succeeded another; but the forecasts on the external side have been

wildly out.
The current account was expected to be around £1,000m in deficit and will turn out to be in surplus (due to a combina-tion of domestic sluggishness and good external perform-suce). The capital account was expected to be in deficit of the order of about £1,000m this year, whereas it will turn out to be massively in surplus unless the hot money which has

No one should be too censorious about these mistakes.

Many of those who have said in recent months that the pound was undervalued and that buge inflows were inevitable argued after the IMF visit that not enough had been done and that

into the year already meant a new sterling crisis would that the Government could not break. The Treasury's concern really afford to experiment with to restore confidence at the start of the year was understandable.

But when it became clear in July that the major hurdle for sterling—the breakdown of talks on a formal incomes policy to replace phase two-had been successfully sur-munted, the authorities were slow to realize that in order to pursue their goals they would have to shift the emphasis of

sidered a whole range of options and rejected all of them at the end of the day as either unworkable or politically

For a long time the front runner seemed to be at least a partial easing on movement of capital out of the country, to balance the flows in. This was rejected for two reasons.

One was a fear that as soon as restrictions were lifted there as restrictions were lifted there would be huge flows of long-term capital out of the country, which would soon be followed by the hot money which had come in, provoking a sterling crisis all over again.

That, combined with the known opposition of the Labour parts of present in presented.

Perty to overseas investment seems to have been enough to

Restrictions on inflows do not seem to have been looked at as seriously. Technically they are messy and can be got round after a period of time, though by then the problem they are meant to cope with may have been resolved. The real objection seems to have been one of embarrassment; it looks very stupid to have controls to keep money out and to keep it in.

The other option for the Gov-ernment was the one which they tried and which failed; lower short-term interest rates to discourage money coming in and keep the yield high on long-term stock to encourage the money that does arrive to stay out of the money supply. As so often in the past, the lesson of the fediure of this policy is that the power of markets is such that governments just do not have the stay-

ing power to outlest those speculating against them. Now that the pound is rising, and likely to go even higher than its long-term equilibrium before it starts to fall again, we

Preparing the ground for the two-week dole payout

In spite of Civil Service trade union criticism, the Department firmly, however, and the union of Employment has been found themselves faced with the possibility of a big polimonths with the payment of unemployment benefit at for-nightly instead of weekly inter-vals so as to reduce staff and administrative costs.

with the department in monitor-ing the experiment, which takes the form of a pilot study at 36 offices in 18 areas scattered

36 offices in 18 areas scattered over the country.

When the DE first announced the plan, the unions representing most of the 20,000 staff involved—the Civil and Public Services Association and the Society of Civil and Public Servants—jointly demonated the idea. It would not only be detrimental to the unemployed, they said, most of whom would have great difficulty in budgeting for two weeks at a time, but also the plan would threaten the jobs of their members and thus add to the number of unemployed served by ber of unemployed served by the remaining staff.

the remaining staff.

That they are nevertheless cooperating in the pilot study arises from a long struggle. As part of the general campaign by public service unions against the cuts, announced by the Government in July last year, the CPSA took industrial action in the form of a han an chain in the form of a ban on the collection of DE statistics, which lasted from last November to January. For a time unemployment and other figures not available.

tical battle on ground which they would not choose for such a struggle. So they "sus-pended" the ban.

pended" the ban.

In the course of meetings with the unions, Mr Albert Booth, the Employment Secretary, pointed out that Government policy obliged the department to make cuts somewhere and suggested various possibilities. Of these, the payment of formignity benefits seemed to the unions the least of the sviis.

Mr Booth promised a determined attempt to avoid any redundancies among staff handling benefits. No decision nanthing benefits. No decision on the scheme would be taken out if Mr Booth had considered the report of a joint working party on the pilot study after the experiment had ran three Eventually the joint working

porty was set up. Now an official and staff representa-tive together are visiting all the offices taking part in the Large cash savings are cer-

take cash savings are contain. The payments are made by Giro cheques sent by post to the intemployed the day after they register. To have the postage and reduce the preparatory work for a large proportion of them could well save several million pounds.

Reductions among the staff

Eric Wigham

are more problematical. The present weekly payments are made in arrear. So usually are fortnightly payments in other countries which have adopted the countries which have adopted the problematical problematical. The present problematical pr the system. But in the British pilot scheme they are being made one week in arrest and one in advance.

If an unemployed person

gets a job before the end of the second week, he is exthe second week, he is expected to pay back the surplus. This may happen quite innocently if the job is unexpected, and there have been a number of cases of people returning the extra money on their own initiative. But the temptation to hold on to it is strong especially since there is usually a wait of a week before the first pay packet is handed the first pay packet is handed out. Much staff time may be taken up in investigating sus-pected cases of fraud.

Formightly payments have advantages as well as dis-advantages for the recipients. advantages for the recipients. The cost of travelling to the benefit office by public transport is halved. Some find registering distasteful and are pleased to have to do it as infrequently as possible.

On the other hand, they may tend to look in less frequently.

at the job centre or employ-ment office to inquire about

But the present computer smoothly, based job-finding arrangements One ga enable the office to let people know when a suitable vacancy is reported and random inquiries may distract the staff from this systematic work.

from this systematic work.

I accompanied working party representatives to a pilot-scheme benefit office at Stepney, where it is divided from the employment centre only by a long passage.

Stepney is in an area where many of the unemployed are "innerants" staying at local lodging houses, and many others are merchant seamen, neither

are merchant seamen, neither group suitable for formightly payments. The area covered is a compact one, so that fares to the office are not so important factor. One or two of those o whom I spoke travel to the office in their cars.

If recipients ask to go back to weekly payments, they are silowed to do so, but not one in a hundred has made the request. Most of them probably do not know that they can and regard the change as one of those unaccountable official aberrations which have to be

new job openings, particularly angry unemployed gathered in if the employment centre and benefit office are in the same generally the mechanism of the building, as many of them are.

sure on those offices where the growth of unemployment has resulted in congestion. There was ample space and no queues to speak of when I was at Stepney.
There is still a possibility of a revival of the controversy over the plan. The unions have said they will submit a separate than they of the working

report from that of the working party if necessary and some party if necessary and some CPSA branches have declared they will not implement the scheme if it is introduced But while some Civil Service

trade unionists take the view that they are entitled to fight against Government policies which they think are mistaken which they think are mistaken and are against the interests of their members, others hold that in the end they have a duty to accept the decisions of the elected government of the day, however ill-advised, and to operate them to the best of their ability.

However, it is unlikely a national scheme will be introduced before September next year. There will be detailed consultations after the working accepted and made the best of.

Labour difficulties at the local post office caused delays party has reported, and the post on one occasion, so that some were not there in time for the weekend shopping and the to go through Parliament.

Business Diary: Hyde and seek • Reynolds' return

Sill Hyde, the chief accountant of Oxford University, is perhaps on unlikely fellow to chair a committee whose job it is to produce clear and simple guideines for inflation accountingout his acquaintance with pracical matters began early. Hyde is chairman of the sub-

numittee of the Accounting tandards Committee which is bout to publish inflation ecounting guidelines following he rejection last July of more umplex proposals produced by lougles Morpeth's Inflation accounting Steering Group.

The proposals of Morpeth, a cnior parmer of accountants ouche Ross, were turned down w the Institute of Chartered accountants as so complex as n be unworkable. It has fallen to Hyde, who

rarted as an office boy with ac old Liverpool Gas Company and qualified in his spare time, o produce simpler proposals. hey will cover much the same round—cost of sales, addi-onal appreciation and effects f inflation on debt-but will e supplementary to rather than
the place of historic accounts.
He acknowledges the debt to
lorpeth, and told Business
iary yesterday: "I feel a bit
a fraud. I have been chairan of a straightforward workig party which did not have do any fundamental workter was already done by the importh committee. It was all

This will be Hyde's first big ep into the limelight. tp into the mart of the



deflating inflation accounting

university's establishment and responsible for the books of an organization employing thousands and having a turnover of 530m a year, only in the last year or so has he even become a public figure at Oxford by taking up a fellowship at Linacre College.

Michael Reynolds, who departed from the chairmanship and managing directorship of Spar (UK) in July after a row and was last seen heading for Taiwan, is back in London and

in business. After years of working for big organizations (British Home Stores as well as Spar), Reynolds, who prides himself

Reynolds, who prides himself as a negotiator, it setting up shop on his own.

"I had several attractive offers when I left Spar", he told Business Diary yesterday, "and I gave them all very careful consideration. I decided finally, however, that what talents I have would be better employed, and I would, personally, find it more stimulating. ally, find it more stimulating dealing with a variety of

companies."
Reynolds pur up his plate yesterday at the offices of Robin Marlar, the former Sussex cricket caprain—turned headhunter—and eims to help not only retailers but also the manufacturers against whom he pitted his wits for so long. " Food and non-food suppliers

spend a lot of money with the major retail outlets on such things as 'key money', product bonusing, and overriding discounts and it could be said that over the past couple of decades I have been responsible for extracting a lot of that cash from them", he says.

There are ways, Reynolds believes, in which the manu-facturer could make less of this

below-the-line money work harder for him, adding hastily that this would be to the benefit of the retailer as well Reynolds is already putting his theories into practice on a his theories into practice on a variety of fronts. He is beloing. Pearce Duff export their beef cubes, and advising Viskers, the Durch suppliers of Chinese processed foods, who want to move into the United Kingdom.

He is also working for Ital-conserve, the continental can-ned goods company, who want to develop an own-label range for British distributors as well

Reynolds claims access to anybody who is anybody in the retail trade in Europe. For four years he was chairman of Inter Group Trading an inter-national group marketing in Sour charge.

Seventy-seven Miss World finalists should be enough to draw even the most jaded of City people back to their particular part of London for the Lord Mayor's Show on Seventy and Mayor's Show on Seventy Show on Sevent Saturday week. As a foretaste, Miss United

States, Miss Australia, Miss Liberia and Miss Venezuela were among those at the preview of the procession given by the Lord Mayor elect. Air Commodore Peter Vanneck, at the Fishmongers' Hall, yesterday

All 77 will ride by on the day in two open-topped buses. Competing for attention with the advance guard and Vanneck yesterday were Walt Disney characters including two mice, a dragou-fly and an albarross about eight feet high. If the entertainment value of this year's procession will be high, it has a serious theme "Service and the City", Vanneck says. neck says.

Some of the aircraft Vanneck learnt to fly, including the Scafire, the sea-going version of the Spittire and the Scafury, will feature in the processio along with the latest aircraft weapons systems,

Flying overhead will be Nimrod and Meteor sireraft. Vanneck, now a senior partner of stockbrokers Rowe Pitman, flew a Meteor in an aerobatic. team, and has the Air Force Cross Another feature of the show

will be a flypast of six light aircraft of the Tiger Club, of which he is a member. In all there are 47 floats in the show, and 18 bands, mostly from the services. There will be

He has strong links with two Mercedet Benz UK will pur la Recherche, of the armed forces, serving as shortly be amounting a proa regular in the Royal Navy motion as part of a reorganizaduring the war and sub- tion of its sales and marketing das Hydrocarbures?

sequently in the Royal set-up. Hans Tauscher, 45, the Auxiliary Air Force, of which present general manager of the he became homorary inspector commercial vehicle division general with the rank of will join the board as director honorary Air Commodore. Part of operations. It will be his of his procession will therefore job to establish a network of regional offices handling both commercials and cars. Until now Mercedes has kept

the two quite separate because it feared that the profitable car business would suffer if too closely allied to the newer and struggling trucks and vans.

With the parent Daimler-Benz committed to a £1,500m expansion and with their commercials well established in Britain the commany wants to Britain, the company wants to make better use of available

Tauscher left Bast Germany as an 18-year-old. He is not happy about giving details because those who helped him could still get into trouble. "Let's just say I came out before they really sealed the border.

He came to Britain in 1968 to work for the newly created Ford of Europe and met his English wife, Rileen, at Ford's Warley headquarters. Today he is described by colleagues as more English than the English than the English lish he even thinks in Eng-

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Homes to cost a lot more—Barratt chief

By Bryan Appleyard

The balance sheet of housepuilder Barratt Developments has emerged strongly from a difficult year in which pretax profits fell from £9.7m to £7.4m. Thanks to a £10.1m release from deferred taxation to reserves the annual report shows that the group has been able to write off £6.7m of goodwill. Shareholders' funds are thus boosted to E38.4m against a restated £33.7m last year.

Borrowings have been contained with loans of £2.65m and bank overdrafts of £19.2m making a total of £21.85m against £20.8m last year.

Mr Lawrence Barratt, chair-man, points out that the bank overdrafts represent about overdraits represent about half the group's facilities and that the total amount invested in land and work in progress, coupled with the value of property investment, comes to £67m. Comparing this with the borrowings he says: "I feel we are well in balance and will continue to remain so."

building industry in the past year "has probably been un-equalled in post war years". Turning to the future the picture becomes considerably roster. Mr Barratt is confident that the group is taking advantage of the recent upturn in the industry which has been stimulated by the full in

interest rates. He sees scope for increasing market share in private housing and points to the three year sopply of land available as well as a national shortage of good quality housing at

reasonable prices.
Mr Barrett says that the concern is receiving "excellent support" from the building societies and he forecasts: stantially within the next twelve mouths and the better climate should enable margins

interest rates promise an up-turn in the contracting work-load and property investments. Elsewhere in his statement which now produce a rem roll Mr Barratt says that the of £1.3m, should steadily indamage inflicted on the house crease.

United Glass joins in battle for Redfearn

By Our Financial Staff United Glass, the container nanufacturer jointly owned by Distillers and Owens-Illinois. has joined the takeover oneue for Redfearn National Glass. In

for Redfearn National Glass. It was also instantly referred to the Monopolies Commission.

This follows the reference of both the 300p cash per share partial offer from Rheem interantional and the 320p cash and shares offer from Rockware Group last month.

United has clearly made the move so as not to be left in the cold. It has about 34 per cent of the United Kingdom glass container merket. Rockware has about 32 per cent and Redfearn around 17 per cent.

If the Commission had given the go-thead to Rockware or

Spectacular

Electrocomp

Progress continues at Elec-

trocomponents, Britain's lead-

ing distributor of electronic

components. Interim profits have more than doubled and

results for the full year should

months to September 30 have ballooned to £3.25m and the sales increase achieved in the second half of 1976-77 has con-

tiqued. Turnover jumped from 19.6m to 115.2m. Although the

net profit increase is big the board says it should be borne in mind that in the first part of 1976, sales prices were held down to absorb the excess profit markin in terms of the price code brought forward from 1975.75

1975-76.

In his annual statement in August Mr R. A. Marler, chairman, said that the directors were confident that results for the fall many again.

were confident that results to the full year would once again be "an enviable pleasure to re-

leap at

United could then have been held up by a further reference.
United now understands that the Commission will rule on all three suiters at once so yester-day's move is largely a holding action to keep all the com-pany's options open.

Meanwhile Mr Vic Hender,

managing director of United Glass, said that the group planned to increase capital spending to about £15m text year, 50 per cent up on this

year, 50 per cent up on this year.

The company expects total United Kingdom demand for bortles and jars to rise by up to 6 per cent this year compared with 1976 with unit sales rising from 6,670m to 7,000m.

A further rise of 2 per cent is forecast for 1978.

The shares in York Trailer Holdings rose by 6p to 76p on news of the board's upgrading of the profits forecast for rais

In the first nine months of

this year, pre-tax pro-its reached £1.8m, more than the

would be a record for York's twenty-first year of operations in the United Kingdom.

income sweetener in the form of a strip issue in preference shares. It will be on the basis

of one preference for every seven ordinary shares held. York will make over £14m from

The latest results show in the York made £657,000 in the third quarter, just above the second's £652,000 and a good rise on the first's £491,000.

Dawnay Day floats

free from the Pru

exports this year.

Shareholders will also get an

York celebrates record

with preference issue

Marchwiel fails to please City

By Alison Mitchell
Below par profits from
Marchwiel Holdings knocked
almost £2m off the value of the

group yesterday as the shares shed 12p to 274p, at one stage. Although pre-tax figures for the six months to April 30 last showed a 23 per cent rise to £5.4m, many had expected better things from the building. civil engineering and public works contractor.

Turnover did little more than mark time in the period climbing from £77.9m to £82.8m.
According to Mr Alfred McAlpine, chairman, this reflects a downturn in orders in the United Kingdom. In all fields of construction, orders are diffi-cult to obtain and although the expected reversal of spending cuts for the industry must help, he warms shareholders that

Kaiser and to improve during the course of the year." In addition, the lower

Alcan in £9.3m deal By Edward Townsend Aluminum Kaiser

Kaiser Aluminum, the American corporation which controls the Anglesey Aluminum smelter in the United Kingdom, said yesterday that it had reached agreement in principle to sell its 25 per cent stake in Alcan Booth Industries to Alcan Aluminium (UK).

The cash sale is worth about \$159m (about £93m) and Kaiser said this was about £1.46m below the book value of its interest in Alcan Booth. The deal, which will give Alcan 100 per cent ownership of the fabricating subsidiary, is part of Kaiser's continuing policy of rationalizing its European operations,

This has included the restructuring of shareholdings in Anglesey and full owership of a smelter in Germany.

Alcan Booth operates a sumber of aluminium rolling mills and extrusion plants in the United Kingdom and last year achieved external sales of £149m against £112m the previous year. Its pre-tax loss of £4.3m in 1975 was turned round to a pre-tax profit last year of £5.5m.

secondary banking crisis, Chairman Mr Edward Hatchett tells shareholders in the annual report that the £10m unsecured

report that the £10m unsecured borrowing facility from major shareholder. The Prudential Assurance Company — though never fully drawn down—has been repaid.

Target Life, which had a successful year last time, is now a seep nearer countibuting to profits and should benefit from the new on-line computer system of Unit Trust Services.

The chairman anticipates bigger profits at the interim

Grampian Council's

The list of applications will open and close on Thursday for the issue by Grampian Regional Council of £10m 10½ per cent redeemable stock, 1985, at £99 per cent. GRC covers a fast developing area including Aberdeen and Peterhead, which are important centres for the off-shore oil and gas industries. The running yield to 1985 is £10.859 per cent and the gross redemo-

per cent and the gross redemp-tion yield, £10 935 per cent. The losa is being underwritten.

£10m issue

there is unlikely to be any major expansion in the United Kingdom in the foreseeable

future.

This view was underlined by the market yesterday where disappointment in last week's £400m Government aid to the industry trimmed the price of

many leaders in the sector. Finance director Mr D. Spray pointed out that although the industry welcomed any reallocation of funds the package was not a large amount compared to the total turnover of the indus-

The way abead for Marchwiel appears to lie abroad. Last year around 25 per cent of turnover came from overseas. The chairman admits that the growth of these operations has not been as rapid as planned, but both turnover and profits should

The group is tendering for four large contracts, in different countries, and winning any of them would "materially affect" its position. The orders are in

the region of £20-£25m each Second half profits are expected to maintain their growth in similar proportion to last year, which would see the group earning about £14m pre-tax. And shareholders are promised a maximum final divi-dend of 3.6p gross which gives a total of 5.2p for the year.

The dividend is already covered 13 times and the directors promise to raise it, in line with profit performance, as soon as Government restrictions are lifted. Hoisting it to around 20p gross would still leave the net payment covered four times.

MARCHWIEL HOLDINGS

Interim Statement for the year ending October 31st 1977

t	x manths o 30.4.77	Six months to 30.4.76	Year ended 31,10.76
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Group Turnover	82,853	77,916	182,251
Net Prolite before Tex	5,390	4 381	10.731
Net Profits after Tax	3,430	2,103	6,386
Proposed Interim Dividend	1.0p	Q.9p	
Anticipated Final Dividens	2.4p	2.15p	

Profit has continued to move upwards during the first six months of 1977 although turnover has remained relatively static.

This reflects the downturn in orders in the United Kingdom and indeed orders in all fields of construction in the United Kingdom are currently difficult to obtain. The expected partial reversal of spending cuts for the industry must help the situation, but we cannot expect to see any major expansion in the United Kingdom in the foreseeable

Overseas good opportunities still exist for expansion, although the time gap between receipt of tenders and award of contract is generally much greater than in the United Kingdom. Currently several large tenders in different countries are under consideration and the award to us of any of these would materially affect our position.

Virtually every company in the Group is contributing satisfactorily to profit and, whilst the growth of our overseas operations has not been as rapid as planned, both turnover and profit should show an increase for the full year on the preceding twelve months.

Overall, Group profits for the second half of the are expected to maintain their growth in similar proportion to last year.

The proposed interim and anticipated final dividends are the maximum payable under current legislation. The Directors are, however, aware that the shareholders in this company have been particularly hard hit by dividend restraint and it will be the intention to raise dividends in line with profit performance at the earliest opportunity.

> Sir Alfred McAlpine Group of Companies

The good results helped Electrocomponents to defy the general trend and the shares rose 3p to 298p. Dawnay Day has cut free from the aftermath of the Cole doubles in first half

esults for the full year should fills made in the whole of 1976. Moreover, the directors are lifting the July prediction of the year's pre-tax proving from at least 12m to not less than 12.2m. If achieved, these ales increase achieved in the

ment which started last year, pre-tax profits of R. H. Cole more than doubled from E345,000 to £789,000 in the first E345,000 to E789,000 in the first half of this year. Turnover was up from £8.16m to £12.51m. After slumping from £1.42m to £301,000 in £975, profits recovered to £901,000 last year. Raising the interim payment from 2.3p to 2.54p gross, the directors view the second half with continue has consider the with caution, but consider the year's results "will reflect a material improvement on 1976". Cole covers electronics, plastics and chemicals.

NEW CAPITAL ISSUE NEW CAFITAL ISSUE

Statistics from Midland Rank
show the amount of "new
money" raised in the United
Kingdom by issue of marketable
securities in October was £130.8m,
a fall of £8.5m o whe rotal for
September. In first 10 months of
this year £1,213.9m has been
raised compared with £1,411.8m
in same period of 1976.

BOLIVIAN LOAN

Eport Credits Gurantee Department has guaranteed a \$23m toan to Comite Departmental de Obras Publicas de Sama Cruz of Bolivia to assist in the finance of a \$31m

contract award to Stone-Plant Industries for the supply of cofton spinning mill. The loan was arranged by Hill Samuel acting for itself and a syndicate including Middland Banks and Middland and International Banks. This takes the value of ECGD-backed foreign-currency loans this year to \$400m, and the rotal value of loans innier consideration to \$5,000m. INTEREUROPEAN PROP

Briefly

Company announces the conversion of "promesses de vent" in respect of both Genn Evilliers and Chauvert in Park into binding commitments. Completion will take place by November 4 for Genn Evilliers and within 30 days for Chauvert. This will clear all borrowings amounting to Fr90.5m. GRAHAM WOOD STEEL

The board of Graham Wood Steel Group is bolding discussions which may lead to an offer for the company. A further annuncement will be made as soon as possible

Business appointments

Associated Paper post

Mr J. A. Graham, managing director of the converting division, is to be group managing director of the group managing director of the group managing director of Associated Paper Industries.

Mr P. R. Lister, managing director of the papermaking division has resigned from this position and as a director for health remone.

Mr Eric Pereira has taken over as regional director of Air-India in the United Kingdom from Mr associated Kingdom from Mr associated Mr R. J. Wallace, a director and associative manager and Mr R. J. Wallace, a director and associative managing directors.

Mr David Jones has been managing director to become finance. Mr Jones has been manager of the company since 1974. manager of the company since

Mr Roger Baker, managing

Mr Ronald Clarkson, managing

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Mr Gordon Latham continues as

joint managing and retailing;

Mr Mothel Crowes becomes joint managing director

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE BRITISH INSURANCE ASSOCIATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH LLOYD'S UNDERWRITERS

NORTHERN IRELAND

Fire and Consequential Loss Insurance of Commercial and Industrial Risks

available to owners of property in Northern Ireland which is damaged by terroristacts, under the terms of the Criminal Injuries to Property
(Compensation) Act (Northern
Ireland) 1971. However, in many cases payments under insurance policies have been made and Insurers have eventually succeeded in recovering a proportion of their outlay when the policyholder has received compensation under the terms of the Government scheme. This can be a lengthy and complex procedure and Insurers have found that by accepting primary liability and relying upon eventual recovery, they have suffered a con-siderable duplication of work and expense as well as a heavy financial

Government compensation is

The Government have announced revisions in the compensation scheme which have been embodied in the Criminal Damage (Compensation) Northern Ireland Order 1977, and which provide clearer criteria for determining whether compensation is to be paid for damage resulting from

After very careful consideration of this new development, Insurers have decided for their own part to observe in formal terms the boundary between the Government's compensation scheme and insurance cover. On or after the date when the new legislation takes effect (1st April 1978) an

appropriate exclusion will apply. The ording of the new exclusion clause is aligned closely with the provisions of the Government Compensation Order. The standard policy wordings used by Lloyd's Underwriters will be amended to incorporate the same

Under an insurance policy, cover will continue to operate whenever damage occurs otherwise than through terrorist action. In practice, this will be determined by whether the Chief Constable issues or witholds a certificate under the provisions of legislation.

If a certificate is granted, then the owner of the property can proceed with his claim for compensation under the Government scheme. If on the other hand a certificate is withheld a claim can be made against the Insurer covering the risk and this will be dealt with under the normal terms and conditions of the insurance policy.

Some policies applicable to property in Northern Ireland have longstanding extensions in respect of not, and sometimes, malicious damage cover and after the application of the new exclusion clause these extensions. will continue to provide cover but only

Insurance cover in respect of dwellings in private occupation is not affected by the alteration.

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in respect of such damage which is unrelated to terrorist activities.

MALAYALAM PLANTATIONS

Issued Capital . . . £2,718,032 in 10p shares Secretaries and Agents Harrisons & Crosfield, Limited

Year ended PROFIT AND DIVIDEND 31.3.77 31.3.78 £102,433 £718,812 136,365 74,521 Remittances from India Profit earned in the U.K. £793,333 £238,798 Taxation 89,406 196,187 £149,392 £597,146

Transferfrom General Reserve Dividends for year (1.15p per £312,574 **CROPS HARVESTED**

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BUILDING PRODUCTS

The results for the half year

to 30 September 1977 are:-

External sales

Profit before taxation

Profit after texation

Corporation tax at 52%

TAXATION PROVISION

the Register at 5th December, 1977.

TRADING RESULTS AND PROSPECTS

of the Price Code, brought forward from 1975/76.

progress achieved over the last few years.

and the effective tax rate will accordingly be lower.

further steps taken to increase efficiency appear to be taking effect.

FLUID POWER

ZIP FASTENERS

Imperial Metal Industries
Building Products

IMI means more than metal

IMI is a remarkable group of companies built by developing related

interests and skills. Each company is free to pursue its own course for profit,

both in the United Kingdom and overseas.

Each company's progress is supported by IMI's corporate resources.

Hence the impressive growth of the group as a whole.

The facts speak for themselves:

1966 turnover £69 million (IMI's first year as a public company).

HEAT EXCHANGE

electrocomponents

limited

30 Sept. 77

(unaudited)

£000's

3,258

1,594

1.564

15,225

GENERAL ENGINEERING

REFINED AND WROUGHT METALS

Half Year to

30 Sept. 76

(unaudited)

EC00, a

9,600

1,588

826

762

Full Year to

31 March 77

(audited)

£0003's

22,849

4,537

2,363

2,174

1976 turnover £404 million.

IMPERIAL METAL INDUSTRIES LIMITED . BIRMINGHAM · ENGLAND

INTERIM STATEMENT

The sales increase achieved in the second half of 1976/77 has continued and comparison of

the first six months of this financial year with the same period in 1976 reflects an increase of

59%. Whilst the net profit increase is very substantial, it should be borne in mind that, in

the first part of 1976, sales prices were held down to absorb the excess profit margin. in terms

Business in the Group's distribution companies continues very buoyant and the Board is

encouraged by the progress achieved in the new company. Electrospares, which began

trading last August. Whilst the situation at Reading Windings is still cause for concern, the

The board is confident that the full year's results will show a continuation of the Group's

Although Corporation Tax has been provided for at 52% in this interim statement, the accounts

for the full 1977/78 linancial year will anticipate the pending Standard on Deferred Taxation,

At a Board Meeting held on 31st October, 1977, the Directors declared an interim dividend of 2.4p per Ordinary Share, absorbing \$240,000. This compares with an interim dividend in 1976 of 2p per share. Dividend warrants will be posted on 6th January, 1978 to members on

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7,201,700 6,626,700 PLANTED ACREAGE

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Tea and Rubber-40,190 acres Annual General Meeting - 24th November 1977

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Bear closers keep index above 500

chartists' case by finding support at around 500 on the

was the reverse of that which occurred when a similar move was made at the end of July performance. of the adverse effect on the towards resolving the fixed-major exporting companies of incerest marker's doubts over a firmer pound.

against an aiready First thoughts about Chloride indifferent outlook for corporate profits in general the move brought a heavy bout of early selling and by 1 pm the FT Index was 12.4 lower at 496.9. But thereafter a combination of

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While a firmer pound is likely FT Index after suffering an to mean an end to thoughts of still lower interest rates the though this early reaction general implications of the move are far more favourable for the gilt-edged market and this was reflected in a strong

Group recovering strongly from its long strike are giving way to second ones. There is now to second ones. There is now an incoression that the strike hart, and that the group will this year to March 31 next be hard put to it to match the E26Am of profits made the year before. The shares have weakened from 121p at the beginning of September to 101p now, but "cheap buyers" are inclined to hold off until the interim bulletin next month is not

the money supply and though a little off the top as profits were taken long dates closed with gains of up to a point and three quarters. A largely neglected shorter and was neglected shorter and was mostly at ground overnight levels.

Because of their high content of overseas earnings insurance shares did not join in the afternoon rally. Among the worst bit were brokers CE Heath, off mt were prokers CE heath, or 13p to 222p, Alexander Howden 11p to 159p, Willis Faber 10p to 268p, Sedgwick Forbes 8p to 315p and Hogg Robinson which dipped 7p to 169p. The composites did not escape the trend with Guardian Royal

Major exporters to lose ground included Beecham, down 10p to 637p, Unilever 12p to 572p, BAT Industries 12p to 265p and BSR which slipped 10p to 106p. 10p to 106p.
In the food sector Rowntree,

another exporter, dipped 5p to 420p, while elsewhere in that sector George Basset rose 2p to 140p on favoureble comment and for the reverse reason Thas Burthwick dipped 9p to 81p. Tate & Lyle continued to lose ground after the prices probe and shed another 6p for a close at 200p.

Takeover activity featured cain dealer Spink & Son, which jumped to 306p at one stage on last week's news that more than one party might be interested in a rakeover. The shares closed 13p to the good at 298p. Graham Wood attracted speculative support rising 11p to 56p while Evode was another in demand finishing 14p ahead at

In electricals United Scientific soared 16p to 243p on a dividend burst boosting rights issue and Electrocomponents firmed 3p to 298p after figures. Exporter Thorn, however, had an unhappy time losing 12p to 422p. An adverse circular hit shipping shares with British & Commonwealful losing 6p to 280p. P & 0 3p to 116p, James Fisher 8p to 122p, Ocean Transport 4p to 129 and Humping Gibson 5p to 235p. Stores generally, lost ground with ing Gibson 39 to 2339, stores generally, lost ground with typical performances coming from Gus "A", down 6p to 332p and Mothercare 4p to 204p. But Repworth rose 3p to 69p after the capital plans gave rise to talk of a takeover. Though the fall in interest rates

Faced with the major government decision to let sterling hunting lifted prices over a rise shares fully vindicated the chartists' case by finding

tend also with the continuing disappointment with last week's Government help. Particularly herd hit were Taylor Woodrow off. 14p to 466p, and Costain where the drop was 5p to 290p. After below par figures March-wiel closed 8p off at 278p There was a mixed showing from the clearing banks but elsewhere in financial Glanfield Securities rose 13p to 265p on demand in a thin market. After hours Graham Wood, already strong, gained more ground on news of an approach while Redfearn reversed an

Up 20p to 150p in the last two trading days has gone Wolf Electric Tools. Though the market is small demand has been persistent and sellers hard to find. The word is that current trading is very strong and benefiting from a strong export content. There was no specific talk of a bid though some and the series of the strong and the series of the strong and the series of the serie not discount it alto

early. 3p rise when it was learned that there might be a third possible contender. York Trailer rose 6p to 76p on York Trailer rose 6p to 76p on nine-months figures and a scrip. Equity surnover on October 28 was fi10.21m (18,435 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph active stocks yesterday were ICI, Shell, BAT Inds, Beecham, Distillers, P & O, BP, Gus "A", Grand Metropolitan, GKN, Dunlop, Imperial Group, Spink & Som, De Bears, Mills & Allen, United Scientists. CE Resth and Orme Developments.

Latest results

company .	Sales	Profits	Earnings	Div	Pay	Xest,a	
nt or Fin	₹ 10 0	£m	per share	pence	date	toral	
R. H. Cole (I)	12.5(8.1)	0.78(0.34)	-(-)	1.68(1.5)	12/12	-(3.3)	
h. is. int Inv (I)	-(-)	0.06(0.06)	-()	—(—)		(12.5)	
lectrocopputs (I)	15.2(9.6)	3.2(1.5)	-(-)	2,4(2.0)	_	—(4.5)	
undinvest (F)	—(-)	0.51(0.43)	-(-)	1.4(1.0)	30/11	2.4(1.9)	
L. Goodwin (F)	3.7(3.1)	0.40(0.28)	2.53(1.84)	0.50(0.5)	7/12	0.50(0.5)	
raig Shpping (I)		0.386(0,246)	-(-)	4.0(5.0)	15/12	—(—)	
darchwi Eldes (I)	82.8(77.9)	5.3(4.3)	-(-)	1.0(0.9)	_	2.40(2.15)	
dcNeill Grp. (I)	6.6(7.7)	0.30(0.69)	~()	NJI (1.25)	_	(2.8)	
reston Mines (F)	·(-)	-(-)	()	35(—) 54(—)	30/12	(-)	
tio Algom (F).	-()	_i_i_i	-(-)	54(-)	29/12	108(100)	
Ukolene (I)	4.3(3.3)	0.49(0.18)	5.7(2.2)	0.75(0.56)	20/12	—(1.9)	
orec (I)	-(-)	1.7c(3.3cd)	4.92(8.994)	Nil(6.5)	_	-(6.5)	
Inilex Hidgs (1)	5.4(5.4)	0.17(0.22)	3.49(4.60)	-(-1	_	—(2.75)	
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no chouse on a s	mose back To	sereblish annes r	a ultiply the not	dividend by 1.5	15. Pr	office are sho	150

Utd Scientific's £2m US takeover

By Victor Felstead With plans for a £1.7m rights United Scientific Holdings is to make a major takeover in the United States. The shares jumped by 16p to 243p yester-

United has signed a condi-tional contract with the princi-pal shareholders in Optic Electronic Corporation of Dallas to buy "not less than 80 per cent" of Optic's capital. Under the terms, United will

buy the shares at an estimated price of US \$12.15 a share, which is variable within the range of \$11 to \$13.30, depending on the final audited figures for the half-year to September

The total price is expected to be "in the region of \$4m"— which is about £2m—depending which is about t.Zm—depending on the percentage bought.
The importance of this takeover can be judged from the fact that Optic's main customer is the United States Defence Department, which accounts for over 90 per cent of the order book.

It designs and manufactures optical and mechanical fire control equipment for tanks, self-propelled artillery and guided missiles. Optic is also the largest inte-



Mr John Robertshaw, chairman.

grated electro-optical manufacturing facility in the United States, supporting the military, navigation guidance and fire control market at both Government, prime and first sub-contractor level. It is the main contractor for

fire control equipment for the M60 tank, the United States main battle tank.

The United States concern's

30 the company is paying a 15 Swiss franc dividend against 14

francs in the previous year out of net profits of 32.75m Swisa francs (about £8m) against

Rio Algom, the 51 per cent owned Canadian subsidiary of

the United Kingdom mining house Rio Timo-Zinc, increased

consolidated net earnings in

the third quarter of the year by 14 per cent from CS7.97m to S9.87m. Profits for the nine

months to the end of Septem-

ber have risen by 41 per cent

to \$34.3m. A dividend of 54 cents a share has been declared.

export contract prices and in-

creased earnings in the steel

operations have mainly been

responsible for the nine-month

increase. Earlier in the year Rio Algom made it clear that

recurring nature.

Swiss Bank Corp

Renegotiations of uranium

Rio Algom ahead

Mr Peter Levene, United's managing director, said the two companies together were probably the largest of their type in the world. The potential in export markets was "just

United's board will recommend shereholders to grant an option to executive directors of option to executive directors of
Optic on 160,000 United shares
—about 2 per cent of the undiluted equity. The price would
be 135 per cent of the market
price of United's shares immediately before the announcement of the takeover.

United's issue will be at 165p United's issue will be at 16Sp a share on the basis of one share for every eight held. The dividend will rise to 9.09p gross on the bigger capital for the year to September 30, 1978. Treasury permission has been given. The total payment for 1976-77 has not been declared, but for 1975-76 United paid a total of 2.94p gross.

United has established a posi-tion as a major supplier to overseas governments for opti-cal fire control instruments. The ownership of a manufac-

turing facility in the United States will go a long way to pre-tax profits are about \$1m meut of United's design and annually and assets are \$1.9m. manufacture in that country.

Stock Exchange calls a halt on dealings of Carborundum

A temporary suspension on 1976 period, even when expres-the dealings of the Carborun-dum Company of America at 3.10 pm in London yesterday pending the lifting of the trad-ing lalt on the New York Stock Exchange

The group produces a variety of materials and equipment in four categories, principally abrasives. It has received a formal proposal offering to purchase any or all of the outstanding shares of the company. The board is now considering

the proposal. It is expected that an announcement of the board's lecision will be made in the next few days.

The group declined to reveal the name of the company involved, or details of the

rtoposel. Earlier this year, Carborundum announced that it had acquired more than 90 per cent of the shares tendered of Weybun Engineering Company.

The group has plants in Britain, United States and West Ger-

Peugeot-Citroën

In the first half of this year, Peugeor-Citroën, the French car manufacturers showed a pro-visional net profit of 54m francs (zbout f6m).

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to 20,000m francs from 19,500m The total due from banks rose 6.1 per cent to 26,000m francs

Lockheed exports Half of the Lockheed Cor

poration's order book, worth \$4,000m (about £2,352m) is for overseas customers and only 33 per cent for the United States government. The other 17 per cent goes to American com-mercial customers. This is revealed in the company's third quarter results for the year to September 25 which produced net earnings of \$21.9m compared to \$9.1m in the same quarter last year. Total net earnings for the first nine months were \$47.4m (\$31.3m). Increased profits were attributed principally to increased sales and profits on the C-130 Hercules transport (major parts of which are produced British Aerospace at Prestwick). the Trident submarine-launched ballistic missile and several overseas service contracts.

Hudson Bay Mining

a significant part of increased Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting, part of the Anglo American Corporation of South Africa operations in Canada. pranium revenue was of a nonhas passed its quarterly divi-dend following a third quarter loss of CS2.38m compared with Swiss Bank Corporation says the group was set up last year that its balance sheet total loss of CS2.38m compared with as the result of a merger. In rose by 3.5 per cent in the third a restated loss of \$1.64m in the the first half of 1976 Peugeot quarter to \$55,600m Swiss same period last year. The loss as the result of a merger. In the first half of 1976 Peugeot to 55,600m Swiss SA reported profits of 113.6m francs (about £13,500m) from francs and Citroën SA 2.88m.

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ISSUE OF £10,000,000 GRAMPIAN **REGIONAL COUNCIL**

10t per cent. Redeemable Stock, 1985

by the Grampian Regional Council and lasted in accordance with sons of the Local Covernment (Scotland: Act, 1975, and the Local Authority Stocks and Bonds (Brotland: Regulations, 1975.

Price of Issue £99 per cent.

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Wall Street

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New York, Oct 31. Prices on the New York Stock Exchange closed mostly lower, ending a string of three straight gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 4.33. points at 818.35. Some 690 issues declined against about 650 gainers. Volume totalled 17.070.000 shares, down from 18,050,000 on Friday.

Brokers said the advance of late last week was turned back by an unfavourable economic outlook and an apparent new dightening of motetary policy by the Federal Reserve.

Short term money market rates shot higher today as the Fed indicated in its moves that it was again sightening credit policy.

The Fed has been steadily dightening policy this year in its light against infiation.

Higher rates attract money from the stock market into fixed income securities as yields rise. The higher rates also make business expansion more expensive.

Vetco was the most active issue and was unchanged at 234. International Telephone & Telegraph was active and ahead; at 30. A block of 331,600 shares of the issue traded at 33°, Coca-Cola was off i at 371 and Pepsico was up

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Foreign Exchange

Within minutes of the London markets opening yesterday the pound had climbed nearly 61 cents in \$1.8430, which was its highest level since May 3, 1976. Profit taking clipped back the gain to \$1.8250, then renewed demand quickly built up when transsatiantle markets began operating with the nound soaring to a peak of \$1.8435 hefore reverting to \$1.8405 which was 6.32 cents above Friday's close of \$1.7772. The effective exchange index gained a full 2 points at the opening calculation of \$4.5, slipped back to 64.3 at noon, before finishing at its best ever level of 64.6 at the close, Compared with \$2.5 on Friday.

The dollar remained on other Friday.

The dollar remained on other with the German mark firming at 2.2505 (2.2620), along with the Swiss franc 2.2320 (2.2380), and the Dutch guilder 2.4225 (2.425).

Gold gained \$50 an ounce to close in London at \$161.625.

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improve both turnover and profits, and I shall be disappointed if this goal is not achieved. F. Copson, Chairman and Managing Director Gold

ACTIVITIES: - Suppliers of heating equipment and builders' materials. Installers of warm air heating equipment.

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Commodities

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Lombard St enjoyed comfortable credit conditions yesterday and houses were able to rule off their books at the end of the day without assistance from the Bank of England. In fact, there was probably a surplus left in the system to carry forward to today.

Rates started in the region of 42-43 per cent, but soon came down to about 41 per cent, where much of the day's business was done. As the day wore on, so rates continued to fall. Closing balances were found down at 3 per cent and perhaps even slightly lower for a fortunate few.

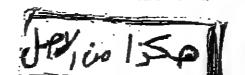
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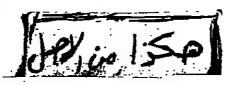
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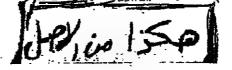
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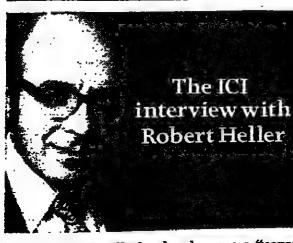




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Heller: To many men in the street, the industrial company is seen as a kind of blundering, selfish out who given half a chance would have the entire planet polluted.

Chipperfield: That's really an illogical idea when you come to examine it... after all, industry consists of ordinary people who share, with the public at large, a growing awareness of the need to preserve the natural order of things. Dealing with pollution involves a strong element of self-preservation which some conservationists don't I think, appreciate.

Heller: But accidents can still happen - either from ignorance or sheer mishap.

Chipperfield: Of course. But one of the things I've seen develop over the years, not only within ICI, but with all major chemical companies, is a much greater awareness by all people in a plant of the hazards involved, and of the importance of following the correct procedures.

Heller: To avoid prosecution?

Chipperfield: More than that - social responsibility is involved, as well as the law and economics. In fact, industry's record in Britain is pretty good and certainly at least equal to any other country.

Heller: How can one measure the reduction of pollution?

Chipperfield: Over the past seven to eight years there has been a constant improvement – at the present time over 86% of the 17,000 miles of rivers in England and Wales are classified by the Department of the Environment in the two top classes of purity and less than 4% are considered badly polluted.



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Heller: Let's get down to specifics. What exactly do you do here at Brixham?

Chipperfield: For many years ICI was the only company actively involved in the whole field of water pollution research. We began in the early 1950's. Our main job is to provide all parts of the company with a comprehensive advisory and investigatory service on the treatment and disposal of liquid wastes and related problems. This involves hydrographical, biological and chemical surveys of the discharges of effluents into rivers, estuaries and coastal waters – using our own minihovercraft and diving team when necessary. Then there is the detailed lab work – investigating the possible effects of effluent and chemical products on fish, or sewage treatment processes, for instance.

Heller: What other things do you do?

Chipperfield: We also supply an external consultancy and information service to other industries, consulting engineers, water authorities and so on. And we work closely with national and international trade associations and with government departments.

Heller: Has legislation added vastly to the costs of constructing chemical plants in this country?

Chipperfield: Effluent treatment and disposal, in terms of overall capital cost, can range from under 2% to 15% of a particular investment. But it's very difficult to disentangle the direct effect of legislation from the belief, certainly in ICI, that the environment should be free from hazard and pleasant to live and work in. Clearly, it is no more desirable or necessary to live in filth and squalor industrially than in the home.

Heller: Is there any new treatment technique that has been developed recently in the laboratory, which enables you to do things you couldn't do

Chipperfield: Well, our principal contribution to biological treatment we call Flocor. Basically it's a kind of corrugated plastic, which the effluent flows over; the plastic holds a film of bacteria in contact with the water flowing over it. These bacteria take in oxygen and oxidise the effluent as food, producing water and carbon dioxide. Distilleries, breweries, food industries, organic chemicals industries



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Heller: Has your work here at Brixham become in a sense easier today? Presumably most of the problems you see have been answered before in some way?

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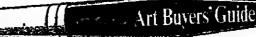
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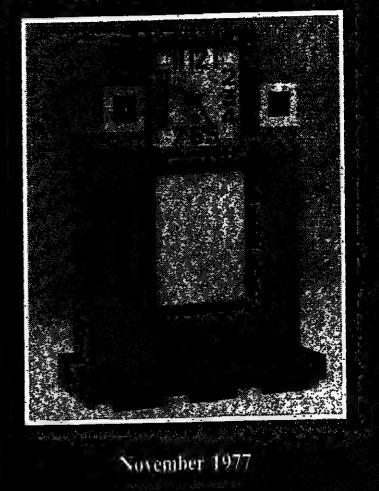
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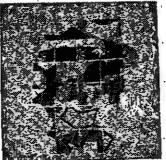
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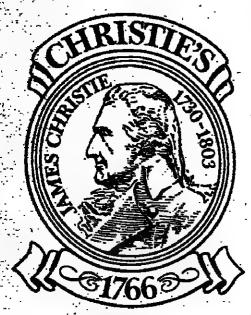
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If the European Community is not to stagnate it must mobilize popular support

Consumers must be given a voice inside the councils of the EEC

One of the most persistent criticisms of the European Economic Community is that it acts sion devoted to consumer proas a giant producers' cartel, tection against those devoted And it is true that, despite the to producers' interests, the dis-

The founding fathers of the would not have understood this criticism. Surely, they would have said, the mere creation of a common European market would ensure that the forces of competition would work to the consumer's benefit, breaking up national car-tels and guaranteeing efficient and customer-oriented firms bigger outlets.

We know now that life is not so simple. If he is to exer-cise his rights, the consumer needs more information than the market sometimes gives him. Paradox cally, harmoniza-tion measures designed to facilitate the movement of goods across national frontiers often work to the consumer's detriment, by imposing standardiza-

ment, by imposing standardiza-rion and reducing the range of choice. Who feels enthused by "Eurobread" or "Eurobeet"? Moreover, the most impor-tunt area of Community inter-vention in the market—the Common Agricultural Policy is one where the voice of the consumer has until recently been singularly absent. Food prices throughout the EEC are determined by ministers whose collective interest is to protect the incomes of farmers. Only in the United Kingdom does the agriculture minister have the interests of the food consumer written into his brief; and not all British farm ministers have taken that part of their responsibilities too seriously hitherto (though Mr Silkin may be an exception).

efforts of the past few years, the voice of the consumer is still far too weak in Brussels.

The founding fathers of the invironment and Consumer Protection Service, and the number of administrative staff involved is in single figures. This is minute compared to the large numbers employed in directorates-general for Agriculture or the Internal Market and Industrial Affairs.

Similarly, in the Economic and Social Committee the main consultative body on EEC policy—two thirds of the seats are held by represent-atives of trade unions or employers' organizations, while the consumer representatives have to share their quota of seats in the third block with a wide range of other groups such as teachers, local governthe professions and

It has to be said, however, that one main reason for this discrepancy is the weakness of the consumer organizations themselves throughout Europe. compared for example with the trade union and employers' groups. It is only in the past few years that the different national consumer groups in the EEC have combined to establish an effective Brussels office, and it is still modestly

staffed.

The contribution of British organizations to BEUC (the European Consumer Bureau), particularly that of the Consumers' Association, has been significant. This is one area where it can be said that the United Kingdom has played a positive role of leader. played a positive role of leader-ship within the European

Measures designed to facilitate movement of goods across national frontiers often work to the consumer's detriment by reducing the range of choice

about to retire, has been a doughty fighter on behalf of consumers in the corridors of

But it has been, and remains, a battle against heavy odds. Merely to keep track of the vast humber of directives and proposals affecting the consumer which are milling around in the Brussels machine requires more resources than currently exist in BEUC; and for effective representation of consumer in-terests in such sensitive areas as the Common Agricultural Policy or harmonization of standards of industrial pro-ducts, present resources are manifestly inadequate.

In fact, the present is a good time to review these resources, for a number of reasons. First, some encouraging noises have been coming out of the Commission itself. The Commissioner for Agriculture, Mr Finn Gundelach, has called for a bigger contribution from consumers to the debate on the EEC's agricultural objec-tives, and for positive sugges-tions for the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy. The British Commissioner for

Community. Eirlys Roberts, the the Budget, Mr Christopher British director of BEUC, who Tugendhat, has spoken in the It is important that Europe's

consumer organizations should be able to respond to these invitations for they have not been all that frequent in the past. It is important, too, that the Commission be pressed to fill speedily the vacancies which still exist in the Consumer Protection Directorate, and that new life be instilled into the Consumers. instilled into the Consumers' Consultative Committee, which the Commission appointed to advise it in October 1973.

It must now be clear to everybody that if the EEC is to do more than stagnate, it must mobilize political support and enthusiasm among and entuitiasm among Europe's peoples. That requires far more sensitivity to the wishes and interests of consumers. It must also be obvious that inflation is among the greatest ewik and weaknesses in our society at the present time. If the European Community is not seen to be fighting against inflation it will not command, and will not deserve, sympathy and support for its other objectives.

This has obvious and imme-iate implications for the

future of the Common Agricul-tural Policy, which is seen, rightly or wrongly, as one of the main causes of European inflation today. The Community, as Mr Gundelach community, as an Gunteractic is clearly aware, will ignore these factors at its peril.

The instruct of Europe's leaders, back at the end of 1972, to try to broaden the appeal of the Community by

appeal of the Community by embarking on new initiatives in the field of social policy, regional development, environregional development, environmental and consumer protection, was plainly right. The tregedy is that so many of these initiatives have been stilled by political timidity or obstruction, and that their impact has been overshadowed by the growth of unemployment and inflation.

Thus the regional development fund was too long delayed, and when it arrived it was too small for its tack. The social action programme has petered out, and has not been replaced. The programmes for environmental and consumer protection make show progress, and in each case seem to have tallen victim—at least in some cases—to the Commission's besetting sin of excessive legation in matters of human wel-

This is particularly true of consumer protection. Lacking consumer protection. Lacking clear political leadership, Commission officials have rended to promote harmonization for its own sake, regardless of the relevance of importance of the proposal. Too much of the proposal. Too much of the proposal. Too much of the proposal of people concarned, both inside and advising the Commission, have therefore been wasted on trivia. been wasted on trivia.
What is needed now, there-

fore, is a movement aw the negative concept av from

sumer protection to that of active promotion of consumer interests; a greater infusion of consumer thinking into other areas of Community policy; a ticularly as regards the reform
of the CAP: and the provision
of adequate resources, both
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phiectives can be mer.
These are not impossible tasks. The groundwork for an effective EEC consumer policy has been laid during the past few years. The institutions exist. There is a much greater degree of understanding and good will, not least on the Com-mission itself, than in the past. Consumer

nesses, are beginning to under-stand each other better and to the United Kingdom at least, though nor in all EEC countries, there is effective ministerial responsibility for consumer interests. If we could remember that

consumers are people, and not egal abstractions; that the object of economic activity is in maximize consumer satisfac-tion; that the institutions of the EEC exist for the peoples of Europe; that all those con-cerned in consumer affairs have a common objective, and not sectional interest, to pro-mote; then, I believe, we might actually get somewhere. I also believe that where we go in this field is of some import-ance to the future, not only of ance to the future, not only of Europe, but of civilization.

Michael Shanks

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'No hope' if Russia stifles the human rights movement



Dr Turchin : the West must act

Dr Valentin Turchin is the farther behind than it is nowmost recent of the many distinmost recent of the many distinguished Soviet dissidents to arrive unwikingly in the West. He was told that he could go to prison or Israel. He has been in London before going on to a job in the United States. He is a nuclear physicist and a friend of Dr Sakharov, and he was chairman of the Soviet group of Amnesty International.

His trouble started back in 1963 after he wrote a paper called The Inertia of Fear which circulated in the underground Samizdat. (Now rewritten as a book it is appearing in New York.) In 1970 he ing in New York.) In 1970 he signed a joint letter to the Soviet leaders with Dr Sakharov and Roy Medvedev. Its main argument was that every aspect of Soviet society, especially the economy, would suffer without a freer circulation of information and democratic reforms. He says he has bon of information and centrocratic reforms. He says he has been proved right by the deterioration of the situation since then. The rate of growth has slowed down and food supplies have deteriorated.

His main concern at the moment is the Beigrade conference, where 35 nations are reviewing the Helsinki agreement of 1975. He worries that the West will not press hard enough for the release of the people the Soviet authorities have imprisoned for setting up groups to monitor implementation of the agreement. "It is nonsensical to discuss seriously the implementation of Helsinki while such blatant violation His main concern at the while such blasant violation continues", he told me. "The West must state that the Bel-

grade conference cannot be successfully concluded if members of the monitoring groups stay in prison."

The issue has in fact been raised in Belgrade and the raised in Belgrade and the names of two of the most pronames of two of the most prominent activists—Dr Yurl
Orlov and Mr Anstoly
Shcheransky—have been mentioned by the Americans, but
Mr Turchin, and his friends
had hoped that their release
would be made a precondition for starting the conference, or at least for agreeing to end it. These people are so closely connected with the conference, he says, that if they stay in prison it would be seen in the Soviet Union and eastern burope as a betrayal nor only of them but of the Helsinki agreement. "They had no political aims other than monituring the agreement and collecting information provided by lecting information provided by people who came to see them."

The West's bargaining position is strong, he says. The Soviet leaders need the West more than the West needs them. In the Soviet Union the West remains, a focus of surrace. West remains a focus of attraction for everyone at all levels. It is the source of ideas and technology without which the

and the technological gap is still not narrowing. Respect for Western achievements is great, and so is the need to buy and so is the need to buy Western goods and to remain in constant contact. "No member of the Politburo could gain significant support for an isolationist policy", he told me. "Theoretically the Soviet Union could close its doors and accept a slower pace of declaration. development, but in practice such a policy could be su-tained only for a short time and for tactical reasons. The

and for tactical reasons. The pressure for Western contacts is too great."

Therefore if the West remains firm and united, which unfortunately it is not, says Mr Turchin, the Soviet leaders will have no choice other than to retreat. In Belgrade the West must begin taking active and open steps. "There is no time to lose", ne urged. There will probably be an amnesty for non-political prisoners for the forthcoming sixtieth anniversary of the resixtieth anniversary of the re-volution. The Sovier Union should be reminded that the anniversary is a political event so it would be appropriate to release political prisoners.

Discussing the human rights movement in the Soviet Union,

Mr Turchin says that its mere existence has brought about a psychological change by Cresting a model of behaviour which is being closely watched by people of all types and at all levels, including party officials. We cannot measure its process he with the control of the contr cials. "We cannot measure its strength by numbers", he told me. "Only by consciousness, by small changes in the way people think and feel. We are

at a pre-political stage."

The movement had also had other important effects, he said. It has made the West unable to ignore the state of human rights in the Soviet Union and has made it impossible for left-wing forces to regard the Soviet Union as a model. Within the Soviet Union the existence of out-spoken dissidents has made it easier for silent non-confor-mists, or "half-dissidents", to resist pressures because the authorities now fear pushing

dents.

This is a preliminary stage
to there will be no but without it there will be no further stage." Mr Turchus said. "If the human rights movement is stifled now there will be no hope. The West must press for the democratization of the Soviet Union. because otherwise the West will become a tiny island in on ocean of totalitarianism. I do not share Mr Solzhenitsyn's political ideals, but his warn-ings should be taken into account. The totalitarian account. The totalitarian nature of such a strong power as Russia poisons the atmo-

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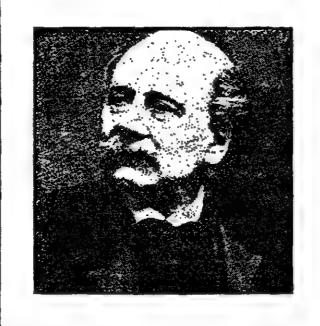
thing, Sir ", said De Johnson (or possibly some other fellow who looked like him), "to examine your assumptions at least once every six months", and my tenth visit to the annual Wex-ford Festival, from which I have just roturned, concluding as usual that if I were ever to spend an entire week there instead of my regular Friday-monday I would be in the gravest danger of being greeted on my return by huge herds of pink elephenrs, has provided me with the concernative to reconwith the opportunity to reconsider, for the first time for many years, my firm conviction that I do not like French opers.

This chaim I have made so niten that I have come to be lieve it as firmly, and unquestioningly, as I believe that the contingly, as I believe that the burth is flut. (Bulgy, of course, bur basically flar.) Yet there I was at Wexford, over the weekend, believing it no less firmly than ever, when it occurred to me, between a bite and a sup, to stop and think about it for succe, whereupon I realized that it was untrue and that it was wheretipon I resuzed that it was untrile, and that it was wexford that had proved it so. Cerminly, I am allergic, to the point of hives, to the operas of Debussy and Ravel; there are long stretches of The Trojans during which I find myself obliged to pass the time by solving quadratic equations in my head; my mixed feelings about Carmen I have discussed here at some length. But there my complaints end, for I ralized with a start on Saturday that I have now seen six French operas at Wexford in the last decade, and doted, positively doted, upon them all;

You will find it an excellent imagine, but it has been prett thoroughly laid to rest by Roméo et juliette (Gounod), Lakme (Delibes), Les Pêcheurs de Perles (Bizut), Thais (Massenet), Le Roi d'Ys (Lalo), and now Hérodiade (Massenet I would not swear upon the

autograph score of Die Meister-singer that any of those works is an imperishable masterpiece is an imperishable masterpiece, but that is not the point; I go to Wexford to enjoy myself, and not only by the use of ample quantities of beaded bubbles winking at the brim, and the six French operas I have listed have given me I have ever got from say, Puccini. Once the initial surrender has been made (the plots of practically all of them are ridiculous to a fault, though Trovatore, to be sure, could give them a start and a beating in that department), there is nothing left to do but sir back and revel, or, if you want me to be scrupulously truthful, wallow. I wallowed in Hirodiade at the weekend (it is another version of the Salomé story, though not one that Richard Strauss would have recognized for along Wildel as cognized, let alone Wilde), as I wallowed in its five Franco-Wexfordian predecessors, and when I discovered that the Christian names of the tenor who sung John the Baptist (what was be doing with a cross, by the way?) were Jean Eaptiste, my cup ran over. (That presented no problem, though: I simply ordered another bottle.)

There is a kind of sonority about the French language that



Massenet: a special French sound to wallow in.

by works of other nationalities; it also, no doubt, accounts for the curious fact that French tenors always sound as though they are singing through their noses. This peculiarly French timbre is at the farthest pos-sible remove from the crispness of the vocal line in Rossini, say, let alone Mozart, and since most of the French opera that still survives in the international repertoire was written in the nineteenth century, the blend of the "Prench sound"

a distinctive sound not shared with romanticism has produced with romannersm has produced the kind of luxuriam musical foliage which I have persuaded myself that I do not like, but am now happy to admit, like M lourdain discovering that he had been talking prose all his life without realizing ft, that I do. (I suspect it was something to do with the fact that Wagner to do with the fact that Wagner, if you will pardon the expression, combined the musical texture of romanticism with such penetrating dramatic and psychological insight that I instinctively rejected the former.

drink and good food, certainly there is good music. (Often there is good wearher, too, but it went missing in a rather spectacular way on Sunday night, when the heavens came teeming down in so corrected an or thought I did, when it came unaccompanied by the latter.) unaccompanied by the latter.)
As it happens next year's Wexford has no French opera in it, though it has one by a composer with a French name, d'Aibert. (He was German, though he made the confusion even worse by being born in Glasgow. Mr Thomson Smillie, artistic director of the festival, and a Glasgow lad himself, has promised in his honour to wear a kilt throughout the proceedings, or to be absolutely precise I have promised that he will.)
Well. I shall surely be there

Well, I shall surely be there for d'Albert's Ticfland, even if age has overcome me to such extent that my friends have to prop my jaw open and pour the bubbles down my throat. (Mind you, if I ever allow age to get in the way of my wexfording I shall certainly deserve to be assistanted of deserve to be ashamed of myself, at any rate to judge from the fact that as I set out for the Opera House on the Saturday, blow me if I didn't see Sir Robert Mayer nipping down the steps of the hotel ahead of me, he being a mere 98 years old and apt to begin conversations, most unnervingly, with the words "As Brahms said to me").

But how can approximately be the see that the step of the said to me to be a step of the said to me.

. But how can anyone who has discovered the Wexford Festival bear to stay away from it ever again? This proud little town again? This proud little town in the bottom right-hand corner of Ireland has been playing host to a glorious feast, of music and the spirits, since 1951, and my only regret is that I didn't go there before 1967. I do not know why my annual weekend there is so productive of joy; certainly there are dear friends (and new ones every year), certainly there is good

Wexford next year, and to leave behind a massive cheque if he is not disappointed. He will not be; and then he can come back the year after and see what his money has wrought. @Times Newspapers Ltd 1977

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It will not have escaped your notice that Star Wars, a space fantasy, threatens to become the most commercially successful film ever made. Its musical score by John Williams (nor the guitarist) is performed by the LSO,

When the music was rendered down to two LPs, the orchestra had a choice: either take a share of the royalties or settle for what the trade calls a session fee-a once-and-It settled for the session fee.

A slip of the disc for the LSO

I have told you about the film. I must now tell you that the double-set LP has sold two million copies in America. Pye, who are marketing the records in Britain, are salivating at the

persingly, considering the fact that they have passed up a small fortune, they looked their usual happy and prosperous

bridgemanship

President Carter admitted recently that he is having problems getting his message across to American businessmen. Looking at the transcript of a meeting be had with European business chiefs and Time journalists, I am not surprised. I think , he said, where we have a remaining of there will be a repairing of the present problems among the business leaders as relates to my Administration."

I am sure there will be no such obfuscation about the repairs to the bridge between American policy-makers and centre, lecturing in government, businessmen which will soon be undertaken by the Centre for Strategic and International Studies at Georgetown Univer-

January, the centre launches a quarterly called The Washington Review of Strategic and International Studies. It will be written by, and for, policy-makers and

leaders of the business com-All a question of . munity.
In foreign affairs, the weight of authority will be considerable. Writing in the first issue will be Henry Kissinger, who has a part-time job as a counsellor at the centre. He has a suite there where he is still busily writing his

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memoirs. - The joint European editor of the quarterly is the London-based Joseph Godson, former labour attache in London in the Fifties, who retired from the American diplomatic service in 1971. His son Roy provides anomer link between his father and Georgetown. He is an associate professor at the

busily writing

A postcard from Corfu bore a picture of a local tourist -To Neon Opomion. Carjou—Le Nouveau Château; Korfu—Der Neuer Schloss. The English translation read: Corfu—The Old Costle.

Aubrey Boomer, the golfer, is 80 today. He played in the first Ryder Cup match against the United States fifty years ago, and won eleven national titles. Since his retirement he has been attached to the Royal Club at Rawenstein in Belgium, where he is much in demand as a coach. Mr Boomer is a Channel Islander, and was at school with Sir William Haley, the former editor of The Times. Sir William took golf lessons, but not from Mr Boomer. That awesome task fell to George Duncan, who advised his pupil: "Get your weight on your heels, sir!" The future editor replied, with more logic than golfing sense: "My weight is where it is—and that is where it will stay."

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There will be a swagger in the skirts around the National Maritime Museum today as Wrens from two world wars descend to celebrate the diamond jubilee of their formation in November, 1917.

The oldest is 84, the youngest a fledgling just joined. Ursula Stuart Mason, public relations officer at the museum and a former Wren, has written the script for an irresistible exhibition of the past 60 years, which has turned into a book as well. Nine-tenths of the material has come from private sources, that is the memories, photograph albums, and ditty-boxes of splendid old war-mares.

There are harpins like bodkins with naval buttons on the end, hoking as though they as well as anchor the tricorne propellers they used to wear as hats. And there is a wealth of early snapshots showing, for instance, the first Wrens drilling and uncertain which was the best foot to put forward.

Ursula Mason has discovered the birth certificate of the forin no history before. It is the acronym.



letter that Sir Eric Geddes, the were designed to defend virtue First Lord of the Admiralty, wrote to George V, suggesting that women be substituted for men on certain work in the Royal Navy.

Another less successful suggestion was that they should be called the Women's Auxiliary Naval Corps, which would have made a less attractive

The London Symphony Orchestra must be kicking themselves the discs or the film would be for having failed to cut themselves a slice of one of the richest cakes that is ever likely to land on their table.

I have told you about the film. I must now tell you that

sale prospects over here. I was at a presentation the other night when the LSO were presented with gold and pictinum discs to mark the two mil-lion sales of the records. Sur-

When X marks the unfair spot

useful, response from the Elec- are and most voters would have toral Reform Society about the evils of the X-voting system. If voting had been by single evils of the X-voting system.

If voting had been by single transferable vote, the society tells me, it is most unlikely the bogus candidate would have sears instead of all of them. been elected. In the acrual election, anyone wanting no support the Labour ticket could vote only X for each of its

My item last week about really knew and admired and Bernard Levin and the straw one he had never heard of. man who won a seat on the Bur, if voting had been by students' council at the LSE, but if voting had been by preferences, such a voter would have been forced to discrimingiven preference to real candi-

I am sorry that my story gave the impression that John Warkins wrote the whole of the book MY LSE. He wrote only candidates, with no means of one chapter: the book is discriminating between one he was edited by Joan Abse.

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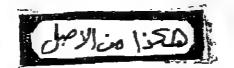
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modity to be considered as part of our total trading relationship with the EEC. I seeked to achieve a balance in

this relationship to the mutual benefit

of both Australia and the Community

In view of the large agricultural surpluses in the EEC, how do you rate your chances of success in the forth-coming negotiations?

I recognize that some of the

problems I will be raising also pose difficulties for the Community and

that eventual solutions in some cases may only be found through multi-lateral negotiations. Nevertheless, it is timely for Australia and the EEC to be discussing the issues at first than the state of the state of

hand, thereby assisting the present

and prospective trading relationship between us. It is important that trade between Australia and the Community develops on a sound and equitable basis and that there be appropriate

means by which regular discussions can take place and problems that arise

can be identified and a sincere effort

made to have them resolved.

Mr John Winston Howard, Australia's Minister for Special Trade Negotiations with the EEC, is the first (and so far the only) minister in the world to be responsible for his country's relations with the Community. He has just completed his first visit to Brussels and in this interview talks to Peter Brink-

Can you give a brief description of the functions of your new ministry and your job as so-called EEC minister? My appointment followed the visit

of the Australian Prime Minister to Europe in June of this year when it became apparent that there was a definite need for Australia and the EEC countries to look carefully at the totality of our economic and trade

In particular, there is growing frustration in Australia with the extent to which problems in our trading relations are seriously disrupting key Australian industries, not only by the effects they have on European markets but also in other markets throughout

This appointment indicates the importance which we place on improving relations with the EEC and adequately resolving our trading

The volume of Australian trade with the EEC is small in comparison to the volume of trade with Japan and the United States. Why did your Government feel that it was necessary to create a special ministry for negotiations with the EEC?

Australia is a major trading nation and we have traditionally had close relations with Europe. The importance of Australia's trade with the EEC countries should not be underestimated. The European Community is the largest supplier to Australia, providing more than a quarter of our imports: we are a significant and growing market for European manufartured goods and capital equipment.

The EEC takes about 15 per cent of Australia's exports. We believe that Australia's competitive advantage in areas such as agricultural products and raw materials and the growing requirements of the Community, the world's largest trading block, should enable trade to expand significantly in the years ahead. Increased European investment, particularly in the development of our mineral industry, is also

tariff barriers which impede imports from third countries, including Australia, especially in the agricul-tural sector. Since Britain's entry into the Community you have lost your European markets for flour, butter and mest. What concrete proposals did you present in Brussels to improve

The EEC not only has high tariff barriers which in important cases reduce imports from outside the Community to a residual role, it also provides very significant export subsidies which adversely affect Australian producers in third markets.

You will appreciate why Australia is concerned both with questions of access to the EEC markets and the effects of Community policies on agricultural prices in third markets, when I point out that since Britain's entry into the Community exports of agricultural products to the nine countries have dropped by more than 80

While in Europe I put Australia's case for greater market access to the EEC and pointed out the problems caused to Australia in third markets as a result of the subsidies paid on exports of surpluses from the Community.



On the contrary

Non au marriage?

Un grand débat est tranché. Un autre recommence. Au Royaume-uni, la conrtoverse au sujet du Marché commun s'est soldée par l'échec de ceux qui voudraient en sortir. Deux ans après le référendum confirmant l'adhesion britannique, les nostalgiques du parti travailliste ont enfin et pour le moment accepté la décision du peuple.

La victoire des Européens au sein du parti doit beaucoup à l'habileté politique de M Callaghan. Mais les affirmations par lesquelles ce dernier a apaisé les craintes de ses adversaires a provoqué des inquiétudes auprès de ses alliés. Certains partenaires de la Grande-Bretagne ont eu l'impression d'assister à la renaissance d'un gaullisme qu'ils croyaient défunt.

Arrive alors la Commission de Bruxelles, porteuse d'un paquet de propositions aptes à exciter les esprits. Pour lutter contre l'inflation et la chômage, le President Jenkins préconise la stabilisation des monnaies et le transfert des ressources. C'est toutce qu'il y a de plus raisonnable, sauf son titre: l'Union économique et monétaire.

A çela, M Callaghan semble préférer l'union libre. Toutefois, comme Européen-ce n'est qu'un débutant. Continuons le combat!



Opponents on its left and right

Rounding up his flock in Australia, the farmer takes to his motor cycle.

Spanish cartel stands at crossroads

Of all Spanish businesses, the one facing the most uncertain future for political reasons, rather than as a result of the present economic slump, is surely the big state-managed cartel known as INI (National Institute for

At the end of 1976, INI was Spain's biggest industrial holding company and one of the top 10 European business enterprises, both in terms of investment and value added. According the statement and value added. ing to the annual report on Spanish Industry published in Madrid last June by the Ministry of Industry, INI "is one of the principal instruments which the country has at its disposal to carry out the profound transformation which its economy needs with the objective of overcoming the present crisis and achieving a modern (economic) structure on a European scale. . . The economic crisis of the past three years and the prospects for the future ... have reinforced the relative importance of the role of public enter-

prise."
The anonymous author of that portion of the Ministry's report made no reference to the viability of INI as an institution. But the National Institute for Industry is at a crossroads, and one of the turnings might lead it to extinction. The political philosophy responsible for its creation has been thrown into the discard heap, since the death of General Franco, a'ong with other formerly sacrosance concepts and institutions such as the obligatory state-run organized trade unions. vertically-

Although the Generalissimo was too much of an individual dictator to espouse fascism as such, he used those aspects of it which suited his purposes. And one cornerstone which was built into the structure of the Franco regime war the National-Socialist idea government participation (as distinguished from nationalization) in industry for the purpose of promoting a planned economy and guaranteeing employment.

If it can be said truthfully that the Franco regime cooperated closely with many privately-owned hig businesses, it can also be said that the regime fostered, shaped, created or directly controlled other large businesses through INI, an autonomous department of the Ministry of Industry acting at least in principle with the aim of creating industries in places and sectors in which private capital was hesitant.

INI grew the Topsy. Today it dominates the coal-mining, steel-making, shipbuilding, aircraft manufacture, air transport, ratural gas and nuclear power industries, in addition to having a big interest in many other national and international

INI grew where others shrank because, while its management was not averse to making money (in fact many foreign investors hold INI bonds), its ahead of profits.

Thus INI could—and still canafford to keep Spain's deficit coal-mining industry going in order to keep miners employed and maintain an energy source which (it is unprofitable at present) might eventually be of significance. Spain's ship-building industry (the fifth largest in the world but suffering from undernourished order books) may be able to hold out longer than those of some other countries because it can operate at a loss for some time without being forced out of business.

However, now that democracy bas come to Spain, the function and legitimacy of INI, a mighty industrial cartel which works in partnership with private capital but is a state agency, are open to question. Its fascist-rooted origins make it unsavoury for parties of the left. Its great competitive advantages make it unpopular with private businessmen-except for those who have formed partnerships with the giant.

In short, INI represents strong government intervention in sectors which some people think should be restricted to private enterprise: yet at the same time its ties with capitalism are too close to suit those of the opposite political sector.

Spain's main parliamentary opposi-tion, the Spanish Socialist Workers' PSOE Party, did Senor Adolfo Suarez, rhe Prime Minister, a considerable favour by failing to bring up the question of the survival of INI during the first few months after the general elections of last June, but probably only because it was too busy with

Employees at INI headquarters. even those in the Department of Public Relations and Press Affairs. appeared oblivious to the threatened collapse of the INI empire, when they were questioned late in August about possible changes in the structure of the institute. Nevertheless, according to informed sources, at the same time top officials of the Ministry of Industry were studying proposals to revamp the autonomous department in order to keep the Suarez Government one jump ahead of the Opposi-

The contents of those proposals were not immediately revealed. Indeed the attitude of the Minister of Industry, let alone that of the Government as a whole, was still unknown in September when the Premier, King Juan Carlos and other political figures returned from their brief and frequently interrupted summer holidays.

A restructured INI, as a flexible Vice-Premier for Economic Affairs, Professor Alfonso Fuentes Quintana, might be acceptable to the Parliamentary Opposition: but it would have to be a new-look INI, slimmed down and under tighter administrative control, with less of an aspect of permanence. As an institution comparable to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt's polemical Work Projects Administration (WPA) of the 1930s in the United States, it might be able to survive for the time being. But its long-term survival, at least in its present form, is highly unlikely even though it serves a useful purpose,

As with the now dismantled staterun trade unions, there will surely be a hot debate about what to do with what INI owns, unless the Government can transform the nature of the institute before the politicians launch their attack.

The basic controversy, unless changes are made rapidly, will surely centre on whether it is necessary for a government agency—even if its pur-pose is to stimulate industries which are in the national interest in such places as those interests dictate to own and manage the industries involved, especially when it means going into business parmership with private individuals, or whether such an agency's function should be limited to the mere administration and enforcement of measures outlined in pertinent legislation. The final question is how much freedom of action such an agency should be allowed: whether it should decide on its own what to support and promote or whether it should foster any given industry only on specific instructions

As a holding company. INI made a net profit last year of 459.3m pesetas (about £3.1m at current exchange rates), with a turnover of 18,438.1m pesetas (about £125.4m at current

In announcing the balance at a news conference in Madrid in September, Senor Francisco Jimenez Torres, the president of INI, admitted: "The financial structure of the balance is not the one we would wish", although the results are " positive ".

He revealed that INI investments in 1977 will total nearly 137,100m pesetas (£932.7m), and 60 per cent of that investment will be made in the energy sector.

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Recovery with caution

Where signs of flagging production had been observed last month more or less everywhere, even in the United States, giving rise to apprehension about the future it now seems that the position has been reversed, giving cause for hope. It is early yet, but there have been perceptible and simultaneous improvements in several countries.

Foremost among them is the United States, where the indicators of future trends in activity turn out to have been better than first believed. After the upward adjustment of the July figure, the number of successive monthly falls has been reduced from three to two, in May and June, when they fell by 0.2 per cent. In July they actually rose by 0.2 per cent and that was followed up by a 0.8 per cent increase in August.

That recovery is confirmed by other signs, notably orders to industry, which moved ahead sharply by 2.3 per cent in August, though that followed a 3.6 per cent fall in July.

In France as well there are once again some favourable indications, with an increase in consumer spending reflected in the brisker rate of increase of the large turnovers of stores since July. In West Germany, as the graph shows, industrial production is back on a slightly rising trend, an improvement which seems to be confirmed by an increase in retail sales in August.

A recent recovery in sales and household consumption also seems to have served to get Britain over the lull. Only in Italy, where the rate of growth admittedly has been rapid, has industrial production fallen in July and August for the first time against

That exception apart, the picture is one of slight improvement, but it is still necessary to exercise caution in assessing the improvements made. Experience has shown that rises and

falls alike are not going very far. The first reason for that is that stocks remain at a low level, so that industry can adjust quickly to pre-vailing conditions. Companies are) ISKE allowing policy to be dictated by current demand.

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Prices: The average inflation rate is still coming down and, calculated on the basis of the three months July. August and September, is running at only 6.5 per cent. The individual rates are nil in West Germany, 7 per cent in Britain. 8.5 per cent in France and 10 per cent in Italy. The last-named country recorded a less satisfactory monthly rise of 1.1 per cent in September.

Influence on the four countries

threat, demand relies largely on private consumption, which is subject to abrupt fluctuations, as has been demonstrated recently by the American retail figures, which rose by 1.7 per cent in August only to fall back

again by 1.2 per cent in September.
On the other hand investment in the wider sense, beginning with housing and construction (except in the United States) and industrial plant, is scarcely moving ahead at all.

In that connexion the statistics of rates of increase quoted should be seen in their true light: they repre-sent progress from low levels, even in the United States, Moreover, such investment as is being put in hand is aimed at maintaining existing posi-tions and rationalization. It is aimed rarely at expansion, which is only to be expected when capacity use is unable to rise much above 80 per cent.

Given those conditions, the pro-longed and deepening crisis in the iron and steel industry is not surprising. Though steel production is being boosted by motor manufacture, it is getting little help from the construction industry and scarcely more from industrial plant. Companies are not investing enough.

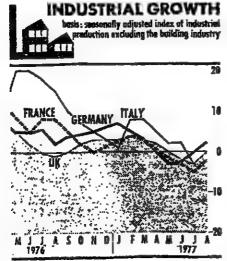
The governments of several countries, including West Germany, Britain and France, have been making efforts to reverse the wend whereby the proportion of retained profits for investment was being eroded by rising wages. They have been successful, but have not always been pre-pared to admit it. Unfortunately the effects are proving slow to materialize and Herr Schmidt's calebrated dictum, "Today's company profits make to-morrow's investments and the day after tomorrow's jobs", has yet to be

In consequence, governments are being obliged to intervene to make up for the reluctance of industry to place faith in the future through investment or employment policies.

That they are doing, although they still hope that the restoration of economic health will of itself bring a spontaneous recovery in consumption, followed by investment. However, apart from a few measures aimed at giving a direct boost to consumption threatening economic recovery, they are no longer using the traditional methods advocated by

Keynes. While keeping a careful watch on the money supply, the key to stability, they are trying to trade off tax alleviation against wage moderation. Efforts in that direction have been made in Britain, which has just launched a reflationary budget of £1.000m in tax allowances, and in West Germany.

They are also trying to overcome the reluctance of employers to recruit by bearing a share of the wage burden through subsidies (Britain) or the waiver of employers contributions (France). Italy is also taking action in that sphere, with its special regis-



Growth: There has been a slight improvement in the industrial growth rate in West Germany, from nil to 2 per cent, and in Britain, from-3 per cent to nil; it is still in decline in Italy, however, and is now running at -3 per cent and French output continues to decline.

ters of young unemployed. Under those conditions there can be no immediate prospect of eliminating budget deficits. The West German Government, which had intended to reduce its deficit (DM35,000m or 4 per cent of gdp), has now reversed its

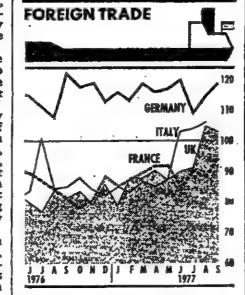
Irony of ironies, even having established that some DM25,000m allocated in previous budgets had not been spent because of administrative delays, it is seeking to accelerate administrative procedures, asking the Länder to spend more quickly, while entreating the German people to increase consumption.

In France the keeping of the budget in balance is no longer sacrosanct and a 9,000m franc deficit is being envisaged.

The countries of the West are managing as best they can to main-tain activity while pursuing their offorts to regain economic health. Governments are continuing with various new forms of intervention, until such time as industry is prepared to take over. Meanwhile morale must not be allowed to deteriorate and psychological support, with budgetary action, will be decisive.

With its prospects on oil, Britain is achieving extraordinary results. France, after its recent political upheavals, is now doing what it can to follow suit and its industry is trying to find its feet again. Paradoxically, it is in the so-called stronger countries, the United States and West Germany, that morale is lowest.

Maurice Bommensath



Foreign trade: cover of imports by exports, calculated fob-cif and seasonally adjusted, is still in surplus in Britain (103 per cent in September) and in Italy (106 per cent in August). France too is now approaching break-even point, with 94 per cent in

UNEMPLOYMENT

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Unemployment: The seasonallyadjusted unemployment rate in France and Germany fell in September from 6 per cent to 5.8 per cent and from 4.6 per cent to 4.5 per cent respectively. On the other hand, there was a rise from 6 per cent to 6.1 per cent in Britain and the rate in Italy is now pushing through 7 per cent. However, these statistics should be regarded with caution in view of the effect that governmental measures can have (for instance in Italy and France).

United States: Comparative situation and influence

After the fears of recession, the most recent statistics are a little more reassuring. The index of leading indicators which foreshadows economic trends rose by 0.2 per cent in July and by 0.8 per cent in August. Orders to industry recovered strongly by 2.3 per cent in August. Retail sales rose by 1.7 per cent in the same month, but unfortunately fell back again by 1.2 per cent in September.

The inflation rate has eased considerably and was down to an annual rate of a fittle over 5 per cent in August. However, the recent trend in the content of the content of

Unemployment expressed as a percentage of the workforce registered a further tall, from 7.1 per cent in August to 6.9 per cent in September, a figure corresponding to 6.800,000 unemployed against 91,200,000 in work.

Dapacity use fell back slightly from 83.7 per cent in July to 82.7 per cent in August, a consequence of the deceleration during the second

Trade 000 (000) The sequence of trade deticits continues. August saw a marked fall in exports, which tell short of imports by \$2,700m. The total deficit for the first eight months is \$17,600m when calculated fob-fob and \$24,000m fob-cif.

Monetery and financial: The dollar is once again in decline despite the increase in American interest rates (prime rate is now 7.5 per cent). successive and manifest the dollar is once again in decimal despite the interest interest rates (prime rate is now rup per cent). Surceean currencies, by contrast, are being pushed up, hence the further reduction in interest rates. Sterling is still stealing the limelight, other a further reduction in the minimum lending rate to 5 per cent, British rates are now well below those in the United States. Economic; The threat to American growth is healty less serious than was feared. It nevertheless remains essential to bridge the widening thate and monetary gap between the United States and the other countries, with the Western countries getting back into phase; this will enter I deceleration of activity in the United States and acceleration elsewhere.

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Hans Baumann talks to the troubleshooters

Industry is leaving the Continent

Why is the European economy not picking up more strongly? Europa questioned the men who must know the answers, the business consultants who are called in as troubleshooters whenever industry feels unable to cope with its difficulties. Their answers are unanimous; general surplus productive capacity, wage costs are too high, and companies that want to invest turn their back on Europe and invest in countries with lower social costs.

Mr William E. Hill, joint owner of the William E. Hill company, of New York, gives the reasons for this last statement: in the past year there were 255 cases of direct foreign investment, mostly from Europe—an unusually large number. The biggest investor was the United Kingdom. The flow is remaining undiminished. Mr Hill sees the attraction for capital in the relatively good state of the United States economy and the lower social

He spoils the picture by going on to say that the United States economy is heading back into recession, like the European economies. That opinion is shared by Dr Arthur Burns, chairman of the United States Federal Reserve. Even President Carter must be realizing that his country is moving into an economic trough: even if mp does grow by 4 per cent in 1977, the upper limit for growth in

1978 must be 2 per cent. - Because Mr Hill is a humorous man, he illustrates the worsening American economic situation with the following story: a judge said to the accused: " Admit it, you were drunk and smoked in hed, and that's how the bed caught fire". The accused replied: "I admit I was drunk, but the bed was on fire before I got into

Mr Hill speaks from considerable experience in advising the European economies not to wait for a lead from the United States-because they will wait in vain.

In Milan Signor Pier Malinverni's brow wrinkles anxiously as he assesses the state of the Italian economy. He is the chairman of Orga, the oldest Italian consultants—the firm was founded in 1925. Ever since 1 the "hot winter" of 1969, he feels, Italy has been the "hot story" for the international press.

He sums up the reasons for that in the following points: the enduring balance-of-payments deficit (which has, however, improved since last June); The high rate of inflation, which has fallen from 22 to 16 per cent in annual terms, but is still too high for safety; and the high cost of labour: since 1969, wages in Italy have been brought up to European levels too quickly. He also blames the high social costs, about 80 per cent of wages, which are of little bene-fit to the individual worker; the heavy social insurance, which makes it almost impossible to lay off an employee; and social conflict—strikes and urban guerrillas-which disturb business confidence.

Another economic drawback for Italy is, in his eyes, the clear gulf between politics and business, and the struggle between north and south, with both sides showing little under-standing of the other's difficulties. Other causes of dissatisfaction are the growing economic chauvinism, the increasing burden of taxation on Italian companies, and the question of exports. Middle-sized companies suffer particularly from a lack of knowledge in this respect.

The picture that Signor Malinverni presents is not all gloom: to his own knowledge, most private companies are doing well, and even investing. He closed on an optimistic note: " 1976 was one of the best years for private business in Italy.'

The most serious complaint comes from Mr Nicholas Branch, managing director of Binder, Hamlyn, Fry, of London. He has devised the following formula for United Kingdom Ltd: low profits, low investment, silly legislation, inconsistent government, powerful, negative unions, poor incentives, old-fashioned management and high country overheads equal an uncom-petitive country. Add socialist legislation, reliance on imports and North Sea oil and the result is survival with high inflation and high unemployment. But if one adds retraining, expansion of invisibles and overseas marketing

the country may enjoy prosperity and happiness.

Despite this gloomy document, Mr Branch still sees one possibility for Britain (which he characterizes as offering "little incentive for hard work") to solve its problems at a stroke: North Sea oil. But he is not altogether sure of the outcome: "It all depends what we do with the

revenue from the oil.' Mr Reint van der Torn and M Jacques Giroire bold similar views of the economic signation in Holland and France. Mr van der Torn is the managing partner of van der Torn & Buningh, Utrecht, and the president of the Dutch Association of Business Consultants, ROA. M Giroire is general director of GMV Conseil, Paris, and a member of the council of the French

Association of Consultants, Syntec. Mr van der Torn holds that the essential question is the slackness of demand. According to him, excess capacity exists in the furniture, textile, food and drink, and shoe industries, and in construction, shipping and the docks. He is supported in this by Herr Roland Berger, managing partner of Roland Berger & Partner and member of the council of the West German Association of Business Consultants, BDU. This view sees the question of excess capacity exacerbated by industry's shift to countries where social costs are lower. Mr van der Torn points to The Netherlands as an example of the extent of this movement: there the number of unemployed is rising weekly as a result of industry's withdrawal. Any one asking business consultants

how business is doing in their country will also want to know how business consultancy itself is prospering. The answer is the reverse of the national slumps—consultancy has never had it better. Business consultants are advising top management in their decisions, in banks, governments and unions; they are analysing economies, researching markets for their suitability for new products, putting the right man in the right job—a decisive matter in times of economic weakness. "We live by our clients' problems" Mr van der Torn says. Where thistles flourish, the consultants' wheat grows

Leo Fischer charts a drop in drinkers

There's an awful lack of coffee in Brazil

On July 18, 1975, the coffee market was turned upside down. On that day the hardest frost in living memory destroyed half the 1976 coffee crop in Brazil, the world's largest coffee producer. Overnight the situation on the world coffee market changed completely: where the market had been expecting falling prices because of high stocks of green coffee, coffee suddenly became a scarce commodity, with the consequential rise in prices. Producer countries swiftly withdrew offers for supplies, and the roasters (who had let their stocks of green coffee fall to the lowest level in years) bought every bean they could

get.
The following weeks and months saw an unparalleled rise on the coffee futures markets. Before the frost coffee was quoted on the exchanges in New York and London at 50-60 cents a pound and £400 a ton respectively. Twenty-one months later coffee was being quoted at new record levels: in New York the peak price was \$3.40 a lb, in London £4,232 a ton.

The price increase was encouraged by alarming stories from Brazil that the damage was much worse than generally believed. Where the 1975-76 Brazilian harvest was more than 22 million 60kg sacks, the producers were now forecasting the yield of the 1976-77 harvest at only six million sacks. The United States Department of Agriculture and London merchants, however, estimated the 1976-77 Brazilian harvest would be at least eight million sacks.

Nevertheless, whichever set of figures you chose to believe, the decline in production was shattering. This is illustrated by the figures for the harvests in the seven leading coffee producers, responsible for almost 90 per cent of world output.

Supplies from producer countries ere, however, not just from current production but also from stocks. From 1970-71 to 1976-77 there was only one year (1974-75) when exportable production in producer countries was above world imports of coffee. In all other years the difference between production and consumption was made up from stocks.

Brazil resorted to measures to reduce supply—methods which it seems to be trying to use again. They involve cutting back home consumption and meeting it from less valuable imported grades, while taking the good, home-produced grades into stock, and thus withdrawing them from the world market.

There is hardly any other commodity where consumers are so affected by the close relationship

Coffee production in the seven leading producer countries

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between the quotation on the commodity markets and the retail price. What do the London quotations for copper, silver, wool or sugar mean to final, consumers? Their wallets are rarely affected by the price movements in these products. But it is a different story with coffee : there was only a short time between the change in prices on the coffee exchanges and the impact on roasted coffee prices in the leading importing countries.

The main coffee importers are the United States and West Germany, followed by France, Italy, The Nether lands and Sweden. In the United States, prices in the shops rose from \$1.27 a lb in July 1975 (before the frost in Brazil) to \$3.94 a lb on June 1, 1977. That is an increase of 210 per cent. In West Germany coffee prices were increased in several stages by 40 per cent in all (the increases were largely withdrawn subsequently).

Although in the past coffee has shown a low price elasticity of demand, the increased price led this time—although with a considerable delay—to a reduction in consumption. In 1967 coffeer had replaced beer as West Germany's most popular beverage, despite the rising trend of prices (one hundred litres a head of the population); in the first four months of this year consumption fell markedly. By August one of Ham-burg's biggest chain stores, Tchibo, was expressing fears of a 10 per cent drop in consumption.

In the United States coffee-drinkers' abstention was even more serious: boycotts by consumer associations produced a 15 per cent drop in turnover by this summer.

But consumer action has been less influential in restraining coffee prices than expectations of renewed surpluses on the coffee market, based on rising production prospects. London now coffee is quoted at £2,147 a ton, about 50 per cent below its peak this April.

As it turns out the Brazilian coffeefarmers seem to be recovering from the effects of the frost faster than they would like. In 1977-78 they are expecting a harvest in Brazil of 14.200.000 sacks, compared with six to eight million in the previous year. Estimates put the world coffee harvest at 69,900.000 sacks, of which about 52,700,000 sacks will be available for export from the coffee producing countries. This is an increase of 10 million on the previous year. At the same time world consumption has probably dropped by five million 60kg

sacks. In the face of those estimates the main exporters Brazil and Colombia hold differing views about the correct market strategy. Colombia favours a revision of the export price to take account of consumer reticence, but Brazil wants to retain the export price

of \$3.20 a lb. Most exporters doubt that Brazil will be able to keep its grip on the coffee market. From January on there will be so much coffee available for immediate delivery that the producers will have to woo the merchants, and that will have to be by lower



Picking coffee beans near Campinas.

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As trade and investment with South Africa becomes a major political issue at the United Nations, Europa

looks at the new code of conduct agreed by the European Community

and reviews the overall progress of the Nine to develop a common front in foreign policy

Discrimination can cut both ways

On the day that Mr Vorster called an election to back his fight against what he called foreign meddling in South Africa's affairs, the EEC foreign ministers were meeting in Brussels to approve a code of conduct for companies operating in the republic.

To the white community in South Africa the EEC initiative appeared as yet another move to destroy the basis of their society. Yet in reality the EEC code represented an attempt to fend off pressures for economic sanctions against South Africa.

Europe has a powerful influence in the South African economy. In 1975 the Community's investment in the republic amounted to R9,850m. or two thirds of the country's total foreign investment. Half the foreign investment in South Africa is from Britain, and more than three hundred British companies have subsidiaries there. The other EEC countries account for 14 per cent of foreign investment.

It is unusual for a group of countries to adopt a joint policy on investment in a foreign state. Why, South Africans always ask, should they be singled out? The simple answer is that no other country has institutionalized racial discrimination. The lack of trade union rights for black workers also means that companies operating in South Africa are particularly vulnerable to criticism that they are stabiliting the local workforce.

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The EEC therefore worked out a code of conduct to deal with the treatment of black workers employed by European companies in South Africa. Migrant labour is condemned as "an instrument of the policy of apartheid" and "employers have the social responsibility to contribute towards ensuring freedom of movement for black African workers and their lamilies".

Companies are asked to pay wages over the minimum effective level (50 per cent above the poverty datum line). More important, however, is the call to encourage trade unions. The

code points out that they are not illegal, and that "should black African employees decide that their representative body should he in the form of a trade union, the company should accept this decision".

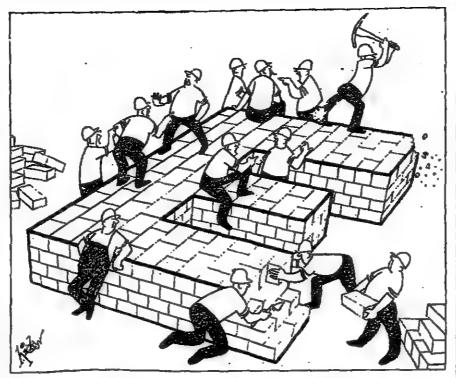
This represents a significant advance on the earlier British code, introduced in 1974, which had avoided the crucial problem of industrial relations. Trade union rights are severely restricted in South Africa, but black workers will be able to fight for higher wages only when they increase their bargaining power.

Reaction to the EEC code in South Africa was predictably hostile in government circles: Mr Pik Botha, the Foreign Minister, dismissed it because of its "high moral tone".

Western companies operating in South Africa generally reacted by claiming that they bad already adopted most of the provisions of the code, but that it would be difficult to go much further without coming into conflict with South African legislation. The Confederation of British Industry expressed reservations over some aspects of the code. In Paris a director of the Patronat commented that "French firms have been trying for some time to apply these rules". The Federation of German Industry was also fairly cool.

European companies claimed that they would lose business to their Japanese, American and South African competitors. Already, however, moves are afoot to extend the EEC code to include all 24 nations of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and this would mean that it would cover almost all foreign investors in South Africa. The multinationals recognize that introducing the code would increase their wages' bill, and reduce the attraction of investment in South Africa.

Negotiation of the EEC code took considerably longer than expected



because of differences among the Nine. Germany and France were cautious, but Holland and Denmark proposed measures to restrict further trade and investment. Britain steered the Community along a middle road. The EEC is also South Africa's

The EEC is also South Africa's largest trading partner. Last year half of South Africa's imports of R5,978m and exports of R4,493m were accounted for by trade with the Community. Britain has recently slipped into third place as South Africa's source of imports, after the United States (21 per cent) and Germany (18 per cent), but it still retains an 18 per cent share of the market. France and Italy each provide 4 per cent of South Africa's imports,

South Africa's exports consist mainly of its valuable mineral wealth. The United Kingdom is its largest export market, with a 22 per cent share. Germany (11 per cent), Belgium (4 per cent), and Switzerland (4 per cent) are also major buyers of South African produce.

During negotiations over the EEC code of conduct the Dutch pressed for measures to reduce trade with South Africa. This led to a decision that the Community should at least begin to study further ways in which economic pressure could be exerted on the regime. Already the Dutch Government has decided to reduce its trading ties. The draft programme of the new Labour-Christian Democrat coalition states that no credit guarantees will be granted for exports

to South Africa.

The recent bannings and the new wave of repression in South Africa has already led to further international pressures. Moves to impose sanctions are being resisted by the larger EEC members which have extensive economic links with South Africa. But since Soweto there has been a growing reluctance among the business community to increase these ties while the political situation remains so unstable.

e. Martin Bailey

Solidarity begins at home

"Political cooperation, that is common diplomatic action by the Nine, is beginning to make itself noticed. At the European Council at the end of June the heads of government, keen to demonstrate their unity of outlook, published a declaration on the Middle East in which they referred to the need to create "a homeland for the Palestinian people".

A few weeks later the foreign ministers announced their intention of using the Community's political weight to persuade South Africa to modify its racial policy. As the Belgrade conference opens, much emphasis is being laid on the exemplary solidarity displayed by the Nine on East-West relations.

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Not too much should be made of all this, however. The Nine are not on the point of establishing a common external policy, far from it. The care with which they are now addressing themselves to these important but remote issues is accounted for largely by the fact that they get themselves into such a mess when trying to deal with the Community's purely internal affairs.

Who can fail to see that the collective incursions by the heads of government or their ministers into world affairs carry little weight when at the same time they show themselves incapable of taking the decisions—on such matters as exchange rates, employment, energy and trade—needed to run Community life? In fact, what we are witnessing is a sort

of stampede into foreign policy.
However, it would be wrong to underestimate the results obtained: political cooperation, the fruit of the endeavours of like-minded diplomats having the same profile, the same attitude in life, is now emerging as a useful venture, albeit of limited scope.

The national governments have developed it since 1970, having appreciated the point that joint action on the world scene can expect to make more of an impact than an individual initiative. They may also see it as a useful means of protecting their interests in certain situations; for instance, the common "belanced" position taken up by the Nine after the October 1973 war no doubt saved one of the countries involved, The Netberlands, from the worst rigours of the oil embargo. Given that country's resolutely pro-Israeli stance—dictated to it by public opinion—it is reasonable to suppose that the Arab world might have taken a tougher line against it had Holland been isolated.

The great weakness of political cooperation lies in the fact that it is voluntary. Governments are free to toe the line when they consider it necessary, but also to reject it when ever they consider that their best interests can be served by standing aloof. This reaction is still not uncommon, as witness the ragged order in which the MPLA was recognized as the legal government of Angola, or indeed the disunited pattern of voting in the United Nations.

In short, political cooperation only comes into play when the usefulness of joint action is self-evident to all and even then it only gives patchy results. Let us take a closer look at what has been achieved on each of the major issues with which the Nine have concerned themselves.

East-West relations and the CSCE

(Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe). This is the main area for political cooperation, where mutual understanding functions most effectively and where the Community has given the most convincing account of itself. This is hardly surprising since Europe provides the main scenario for detente and all EEC countries are directly concerned. The importance attributed by the Nine to the conference and their shared conception of detente, coupled with the lack of interest shown by the United States for this exercise, have enabled them to play a leading role in Geneva and then in Helsinki.

The Helsinki final act, and the "third basket", may be regarded as being a Community product. It was written in the form in, which it appeared because the Nine were ableto work together from beginning to end as an operational unit, carrying with them the other countries of the West, that is the neutrals and the United States as well.

The preparations for the Belgrade conference have confirmed agreement between the EEC members. The agenda for this conference was drawn up on the basis of an EEC document. Despite the initial burst of enthusiasm displayed by the Carter Administration on human rights, it is a fair bet that it will be the Nine, with their moderate approach, who will set the tone when the time comes for drawing up the communique, which will deliver judgment on the implementation of the Helsinki act, point to the new efforts to be made in the future and perhaps fix the date for the next.

The Middle East. Here, the results of the EEC's activities are less convincing. The declarations approved by the Nine in November, 1973, and July of this year have had no effect in the field. Given the total absence of political integration, the Nine have no real power and purely verbal interventions will earn them no real influence. In fact, the usefulness of these initiatives is to be found not in external relations, but in terms of cohesion between member states within the EEC.

In this connexion, it is not insignificant that the Nine, far from slavishly following the United States lead but sometimes actually showing the way the European Council's declaration of July. 1977, was ready several weeks before the United States took up a similar position), have managed, from 1973 to 1977, to define a specific common position. Political cooperation can claim the considerable achievement of moderating extreme positions. Without it, there would probably have been more explicit evidence of pro-Arab leanings from Paris and, on the other side of pro-Israeli sympathy in The Hague.

Africa. This continent offers new scope for political cooperation and the opportunity for common action here arises as a result of external intervention—by the Soviet Union. The Nine have much common ground in their assessment of the situation in Southern Africa. They abhor apartheid, but are even more united in their fear, which they share with the Americans, that Pretoria's stubbornness, if they themselves do not resist it, will throw the African liberation movements and the African governments supporting them into the arms of the Russians, whom they will see as their only support.

However, when analysis is left behind and it becomes a question of reacting to situations and attempting to formulate a common course of action, their united front crumbles. This is hardly surprising, since their interests are so different. Although barely started, the history of the EEC's collective relations with South Africa illustrate how difficult it is to take positive action. In July, 1977, the foreign ministers were inveighing against South African racism and juggling with the various forms of pressure which could be applied.

At the ministers' next meeting a formight later, the tone had changed to one of remarkable timidity. Business interests had had their say and the governments had taken fright. The return from the holidays saw another about-face, this time after protests from black Africa. Hence the approval of the code of conduct to be observed by EEC companies operating in South Africa, but it is difficult to envisage any further substantial step forward in the near future.

The United Kingdom, France and West Germany, which have considerable economic interests in South Africa, are advocating prudence. Moreover, the EEC states which have seats on the security council are pointing out that the Vorster Government's cooperation is essential if the Rhodesian and Namibian situations are to be resolved peacefully.

East-West détente, the Middle East and Africa, are the three great issues on twhich political cooperation has been deployed, but any assessment of its value would be incomplete if it did not take account of the bitter defeat suffered over Cyprus and the disappointing results of the European-Arab dialogue.

In Cyprus, a country associated with the EEC and the subject of a major conflict between two other associated countries, Greece and Turkey, the United Kingdom, and by extension the Nine, had specific responsibilities. They ducked these responsibilities, leaving the way clear for the Americans and the chaos that ensued.

The misadventures of the European-Arab dialogue arise out of a misunder-standing for which the two sides must bear their share of blame. Whereas the Community countries are keen to place the accent on economic cooperation, those of the Arab League, unprepared for this type of collective ventura, are exclusively concerned with their dispute with Israel. This means that despite efforts at couciliation, many of which have come from the Nine, the game has been lost before it starts.

Regular contact between the diplomats of the Nine no doubt serves a useful purpose. It has helped to familiarize them with the European dimension of problems. However, a start has scarcely been made. Political cooperation will remain as lightand fragile as a bubble, until and unless it is given support by a Community which is moving forward, a prospect about which one cannot yet

be very optimistic.

Philippe Lemaître

Israel: outpost or bridge?

Commerce best guarantor of lasting peace

A man takes a pistol from his jacket and hands it to Porter Schwarz at the reception desk in the Accadia Hotel, which stands in Herzlia-on-Sea, the most select part of Tel Aviv. Yekutiel Xiel Federmann has just come from the south of the country where he has been on business: a dangerous criminal has escaped, and Mr Federmann wants to be ready in case their paths crossed.

Xiel Federmann always goes armed. His aims are peace, the inviolability of Israel's frontiers and his business concerns. Born in 1915 in Chemnitz, he has the heart of a mongoose and the delivery of a machine-gun; he bubbles over with ideas, which he expounds with eager gesticulations. His staff have their hands full restraining his enthusiasm. Mr Federmann owns the Dan Hotel Corporation, which has luxury properties in Herzlia (Accadia), Caesarea (Golf Hotel), Tel Aviv (Dan Hotel) and Haifa (Dan Carmel). The Federmann family lives in a penthouse on top of the Dan Carmel.

Xiel Federmann runs a pvc factory, is involved in irrigation and produces building materials—he also owns 50 per cent of a large manufacturer in Europe. He grows oranges near Tel Aviv, where he made the first oil and natural gas strikes in Israel in 1955. With the Rothschild-Edmond Geneva-Paris group, he built the first pipeline from Elat to Haila. The turnover of Mr Federmann's businesses is about £11,000m.

His activities are not confined to Israel. In Africa the name Federmann is associated with government housing projects in Gabon, Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone and the Congo. The Israeli Government supplies very practical aid in the form of loans by American and Swiss banks of up to 50 per cent of the building costs of these houses.

israel's exports to the world

imports from European Community

Exports to Europe

Imports from the world

Trade between Europe and Israel in 1976

Mr Federmann will never tire of extending his interests. At the moment he is involved in a joint venture with an international group in precision and optical engineering. This is intended to benefit Israel in a very specific way: Mr Federmann wants to produce optical and precision instruments—needed by the Armed Forces—himself. "Our country is ringed by fire and steel", Federmann says, "we have to keep one step ahead in this field too."

Business and politics are for Mr Federmann two ways of saying the same thing. This is why be built up contacts with European investment corporations, which supplied DM 24m for new oil and gas prospecting. In two years' time the second oil strike at Ashdod should produce two million tons of oil on Israel's territory. At present Israel still relies on supplies from Iran for its annual requirement of seven million tons.

Yekutiel Xiel Federmann (Xiel is a Yiddish variant of Xavier) became Israel's most important businessman quite by chance. His qualifications for this title are, however, scarcely accidental. Before the state of Israel was founded on November 29, 1949, Mr Federmann was already organizing illegal incursions into Palestine in March 1940. He and his wife arrived there from England by troopship from Marseilles, because the British authorities refused to form a Jewish brigade to fight Hitler. In Palestine he was soon working for the Haganah, the secret service. He flew a courier service, and made many contacts in this capacity.

It was in this way that he met a high-ranking British officer at the time that British troops were making a precautionary withdrawal from Alexandria to Haifa. The British problem was the shortage of supplies, shoes, socks and uniforms. Xiel Federmann, member of the Haganah and always on the move, was the man to help. He found firms to produce uniforms, and supply shoes and socks for the British soldiers. Mr Federmann established a

+ 24.6 per cent to \$2,004m

+22.5 per cent to 5887m

-1.2 per cent to \$4,100m

+1.4 per cent to \$1,770m



this was his business training.

How does Israel's most important businessman see his country's relationship with Europe? Yekutiel Xiel Federmann's reply poured out in a torrent: "Israeli thought is European. Israel is a part of Europe in the

Middle East. Israel's dream is a liberal

democracy.

"Our goal is our recognition of our Arab neighbours. We are contributing to Europe's strength here, because the Mediterranean has become an important Russian sphere of influence, with states like Libya not merely posing a threat to the African continent, but offering a home for Russian submarines, air-bases and radar stations. The counterpoise has to be an Israeli-Arab front. This is why peace between Israel and its Arab neighbours is the burning question of

the hour."

Mr Federmann openly admits that a politician cannot speak with the freedom that he can as a businessman. But what he believes is, he feels, also the opinion of Israel's politicians. He sums up his political view of Europe in a sentence: "The union of a free Europe with a free Middle East (which presupposes peace between Israel and the Arab States) would ensure the safety of African raw materials and the Middle East oil from a Russian attack."

He is prepared to be more specific.

never far from the surface. He is certain that commerce must bring about and preserve peace in the Middle East. "We have to extend our trading relations into Arab countries. Production and trade must flourish everywhere. This would lead to social peace and political calm." And because he is a great practical man, quick to make decisions, he would rather see his dream fulfilled now than in the distant future: an Israel-Arab nuclear power station on

the frontier. "This would not just

be a focus for energy ", Mr Federmann

on by Russian aggression, Israel would be included in Nato's military calcula-

tions and the state of war between

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second to West Germany's. No res-

ponsible political Nato command

could-or should-overlook this. If

war broke out between the Warsaw

Pact countries and the European

democracies, the Israeli forces would be more likely to fight alongside

Iranian and Saudi Arabian forces-

perhaps even Egyptian troops-than

But the combination of businessman

and politically-committed Israeli is

Israel and the Arab states would cease

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He is prepared to be more specific.
"It is quite conceivable that in the event of armed conflict between Claims, "but a focus for peace on our border."

Hans Baumann.

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UP WITH STERLING

ordinary. Last Friday was the next year or so is finely anniversary of the day when the balanced. This balance is reflecdollar than at any time in its history. Yesterday the Treasury told the Bank of England to give up for the time being the attempt to stop the pound rising. Last October the Bank of England's minimum lending rate was pushed in panic to a level of 15 per cent. Today it is at 5 per cent and might be even lower, but for the strong efforts of the authorities to steady the rate of decline. Again and again in 1976 the pound appeared to be in free fall. During 1977 neither falling interest rates nor the still relatively high rates of domestic inflation have served to stop the torrents of money pouring into the country.

Such a volatile change in the financial situation, heavily in-fluenced by the rising flow of North Sea oil, is of course not matched by changes in the real economy. Indeed while no one would exchange the complex of economic policy problems we now face for those which we faced last year, the continued strength of the pound must be a source of concern for exporting

of the industry. The argument about the exchange rate is twofold. pound stood lower against the ted in differences of opinion between politicians of both the main parties, between economists and between officials, both in the Treasury and the Bank of England.

As we said at the time of the Chancellor's economic statement last week, events had combined to place the Government in a position where it only had three options. It could ease the upward pressure on the pound by a substantial reduction in outward exchange controls. It could continue to sell pounds to hold the rate steady, thus creating increasing problems for the control of the domestic money supply. Or it could allow the exchange rate to rise. We said then that the right solution. since continued monetary restraint is essential to the fight against inflation, was probably to combine some substantial relaxation of exchange controls with some revaluation of the pound. It is a pity that the Government has only adopted one element of that policy. The argument in favour of

country's financial position in the appropriate policy for the first, as the history of the past the past year has been extra pound's exchange rate over the ten years has shown, the foreign exchanges have become so fluid and unstable that market forces cannot be resisted indefinitely. Secondly, an appreciating exchange rate is the basis for an increase in the real standard of living of the British people, as a consequence of the good fortune of North Sea oil. The only reason why a higher rate for the pound causes difficulty is the very low productivity of British manufacturing industry in general. It cannot be right to use an artificially low exchange rate for ever as a protection for

inefficiency. The argument in favour of a substantial easing of outward exchange controls is that as a country we should use the windfall gains of our present financial position to acquire income earning assets abroad. If, at the same time, such a policy reduces the upward pressure on the pound that is a by-product which will assist British industry as it tries to improve the general level of its competitiveness. If the upward pressure on sterling persists strongly, the Government must reconsider its decision not to proceed with a substantial relaxation of exchange controls.

CHINA REIMPOSES DISCIPLINE

Since early in the year there forced to live by its wits. Bad have been reports of executions elements, criminals, counterin China. This is certainly evidence enough of the troubled state to which the country had heen reduced in the decade that ended with the death of Mao Tse-tung in 1976. As to the number, no information is easily available to foreign correspon-tents. The facts are gathered from the lists of names posted up in cities where trials have heen held-so many sentenced to immediate execution, so many to suspended death sentences, so many to prison terms. Only those foreign visitors able to read the notices—of whom there are many more with students of Chinese from abroad scattered in the major cities—can learn what has happened. From such sources it would seem that many mousands may have been tried but that the number executed may not involve more than some

hundreds. This is the sharp end of the compaign to restore "great order" in the land. It has two One is the settlement with the radicals, those losers in the political battle some of whom may believe that the bartle is not yet won by those now in charge in Peking. The other aspect is the restoration of discipline in a Chine fractured by disorder, where for years the ambitions of the young have been encouraged by such stogans as "to rebel is justified". and where such a younger gencration has been extruded from the political competition to become an underground sub-culture

Private prosecutions

From Mr Raymond Blackburn

Sir. I regret that Mr Bennion has

thought fit to attack me (letter October 21). Where there is wide-

spread illegality involving social evils the rule of law is undermined and the cause of freedom which it

remeets and serves is imperilled. Fines in my first main case against the then Commissioner of Police Ford Justice Salmon, now Lord Salmon, sold of the gaming laws

Regrettably they have not been properly enforced ... an immense caming industry, porticularly in London, has been allowed to grow up during the last seven years. This

has inevitably brought grave social evils in its train—protection rackets.

comes of violence and widespread corruption." (1968 2 WLR) page

905. The same thing happened with

is a long stop and today is immensely weakened by the very high legal costs involved—so much

so that one wonders why attention is paid to it. But it is part of the

essential freedoms of the citizen. I

his actions delighted the supporters

of a repressive regime. I assumed its loyalty to be to the rule of law.

That is what matters. If Parliament

leachiges rackers I should accept its decision but I do not believe that

n the long run the existing trend

in that direction will be successful.

The right of private prosecution

revolutionaries-who can detect the faults behind the jargon or easily distinguish between everyday crime and the paths of political violence? As always in China the information is too sparse to compute the degree of harshness or the amount of injustice that may accompany

allowing some appreciation in

"Struggle by persuasion" has always been permissible in China though it has never been without its threat of violence or at least very strong social pressures. What was not permissible was "struggle by force". But once started in the cultural revolution-very bad in some areas, not at all in others-it has never really died down. In every institution the political factions survived the cultural revolution to confront each other. One of the worst cases was the railways where politically motivated strikes had gone so far that thought it would take three to five years to restore orderly working. So in the last laps of the political race in 1976 there was violence in plenty. At least two provincial leaders suffered unexplained deaths now attributed to the gang of four. At lower levels murder and kidnapping helped in seizures of power. The arrests made many months ago in such cases are now ending in sentences.

The hardest question

order have affected the youngest generation in China, those now in their twenties or early thirties. The disbanded red guards, the millions disappointed of higher education and a career and sent to the countryside—how many are now cynical disbelievers? And at the youngest end of this generation how many more rallied to revo-

such a campaign.

There are, however, clear
Maoist standards to which the
radicals should be subject. lutionary slogans and the glorification of Mao Tse-tung only to be equally disfilusioned last year? This is where the indiscipline is found, where the "drop-outs" of the Chinese system have to fend for themselves, where the "corruption, capitalist tendencies, bourgeois facrionalism, counter-revolutionary activities" spread and are now to be brought to a halt by stiff discipline and exemplary sentences. Through so much opaque jargon it is hard to discern to what resorts this generation has been brought by the political turnabouts of the past ten years in China. That order is the objective of the present campaign need not be doubted. Nor the need for it. If the present leadership cannot command the loyalty among the Chinese masses that the leaders of the fifties did that

may make their task the harder. The one thing that they have cn their side is that however tarnished the jargon that divides good and bad the Chinese have a strong preference for order. When Mr Teng Hsizo-ping says the country must get back to the facts many millions will back

answer is how these years of dis-

In another respect, however, the

Professor does not disappoint; it was inevitable that the argument

about the pregnant, the old and the frail would be trotted out. It always

is. Perhaps I may suggest another ouestion for his students: "Discuss

the effect on a presnant woman or a frail old man with a heart condi-

tion of being subjected to the ex-plosion of non-iragmenting band grenades which stun and confuse for six seconds, followed by the

ruption of a squad of commandos

who have the same time in which to shoot the terrorists before their eyes (probably missing some of

them by inches in the process)."

I suggest that just one or two hijackings which failed, totally and

without drama (with everyone con-cerned laughing their fool heads

off perhaps), would rapidly end this perticular form of terror and allow the pregnant and the frail to

go on flying if they feel they should

days to steal the Crown Jewels pre-

sumably because failure has the reputation of being inevitable.

There are perhaps many routes to

Not many attempts are made these

in their condition.

Yours faithfully,

Cublingron.

Bedfordshire.

October 28.

CLAUD DICKENS,

Fern House. Whitchurch Road,

Near Leighton Buzzard,

Long lived Fellows

From Mr Henry G. Button

Sir, Since the publication on Octo-

ber S of my article about old Fel-

laws a friend in Oxford has drawn

my attention to the remarkable career of W. N. Stocker, whose obituary appears in The Times of August 3, 1949.

Stocker died in 1949 at the age of 98. He had been a Fellow of Brasenose for some 72 years, having won an Open Fellowship back in 1877. He was the last surviving

life-Fellow of an Oxford college. Yours faithfully.

HENRY G. BUTTON.

Amhurst Court,

Grange Road,

The morality of guerrillas

him in silent approval.

From the Reverend Richard Barries Sir, Mr Salomon (letter, October 26) is right to worry about the means guerrillas use to pursue their ends. It is part of the tradi-tion of Christian ethical thinking on the subject of war and revolution, going back to the great Dominican Fransisco de Vitoria in the seven-teenth century, that the conduct of a war, as well as its cause, must be just. In modern terms this has usually meant that those not directly engaged in the war effort should be immune from direct

attack. We must not forget that this is But Mr Salomon is wrong to war (the opposition certainly sees it as such) and risks have to be taken. But in war if one side develons an effective defence it does not take long for the enemy to decide to cease attacking that particular think that the conduct of a guer-rilla campaign must inevitably be immoral. The following points are pertinent.

(1) A guerrilla war is primarily political struggle. The function of revolutionary army is not to win military victories but to stay in existence long enough for the political battle to be won

(2) The political struggle depends in large measure on the support of the people on whose behalf the war is being waged. Indiscriminate terror will alienate the people and lessen the chance of political victory. There is therefore a built in pressure for some discrimination to be made.

(3) Revolutionary struggles since the Second World War have varied enormously in the amount of terror that has been used. Guevara wrote It is necessary to distinguish clearly between sebotage, a revo-lutionary and highly effective method of warfare, and terrorism, a measure that is generally ineffec-tive and indiscriminate in its results, since it often makes victims

of innocent people." General Grives wrote "The truth is that our form of war, in which a few hundred fell in four years, was more selective than most. . . . We shot only British servicemen who would have killed us if they could have fired the first shot, and

civilians who were traitors or intelligence agents." The view of the British Council of Churches that a distinction can be made "between a discriminate and proportionate use of force and unrestricted violence" is quite correct. It cannot be assumed advance that this principle will be completely disregarded however likely it is that it will sometimes be broken. Yours sincerely, RICHARD HARRIES, All Saints' Vicarage, 70 Fulham High Street, SW6.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Revaluation of sterling

From Lord Kaldor, FBA Sir, If Sir Keith Joseph is so anxious to let the pound rise, I for one would have no objection, provided only that it is combined with the well proven Conservative policy of industrial protection. Let us reintroduce the 1932 Act, as interpreted by the Import Duties Advisory Committee, and have a general ad vulorem duty on all manufactures of 20 per cent, with an additional 10 per cent on sensitive items, like chemicals, steel, cars and other engineering

products.

This would kill three birds with one stone. Through the fall in the sterling prices of food and industrial materials it would stop inflation, and might even bring about a falling cost of living index. It would create a tremendous invest-ment boom and thereby regenerate and, in the longer run, sohance the competitive power of British indu-try. And it would recreate full employment in a matter of a few

Let us not forget that in the 23 Let us not forget that in the 23 years. 1932-1955, when imports of meaufactures were kept down by import duties and later by licensing, British manufacturing production increased at an average exponential rate of 4 per cent a year—despite the dislocations caused by World War II. This was a much higher growth rate than Britain ever achieved for any length of time either before or since.

Yours faithfully. NICHOLAS KALDOR, King's College, Cambridge. October 29.

Questioning Mr Thorpe From Mr Bryan Morwood

Sir, You are perplexed by modern morality which finds homosexuality acceptable, yet destroys a leading politician on the basis of the affection of a past homosexual affair, and you support your argument by morally equating adultery and homosexuality.

Modern morality finds acultery psychologically normal but morally psychologically homosexuality is judged to be psychologically abnormal but morally right (on the besis that if a man has this psychological trait, his indulgence of it is acceptable).

Personal morality is not the main

criterion of judgment in this case, it is more a matter of trust. You would not trust an adulterer with your wife, but you might with your cheque book. An Englishmen does not know how far to trust a homosexual, and would prefer not to trust him with his vote.

Although this may explain the interest in the Thorpe affair, it does not justify it, and the continuing pursuit of Mr Thorpe by the press is, in my view, morally it is more a matter of trust. You

the press is, in my view, morely unjustifiable. I would prefer to give him the benefit of the doubt and forget about it. Yours faithfully,

BRYAN MORWOOD, 1 Dunstable Court, St Johns Park, SE3.

From Mr Humphry Berkeley Sir, Until the last few days, the

accusations and innuendos which have been levelled against Mr Jeremy Thorpe have been specific, in so far as they have been concerned with his relationship with one person. His press conference was called to answer these charges.

I cannot imagine that anybody (members of the Roys) Family, Church leaders, past, present or possible future prime ministers) would willingly answer, truthfully, and in public, questions about his or her sexual experiences or fantasies from adolescence to

middle age.

It is a reflection on our prurient and Godless society that a press conference radier than the confes-sional should be regarded as the proper place for such disclosures. Yours faithfully,

HUMPHRY BERKELEY, Three Pages Yard, Church Street, Chiswick, W4.

From Mr James Collier

Sir, In your Friday coverage of the press conference given by Mr Jeremy Thorpe, there was mention of a Daily Express reporter remark-ing that I had given him the impres-sion of there being more than an affectionate relationship between Mr Thorpe and Mr Scott, In spite of intense pressure from the press, I have always said that I had no proof of a homosexual relationship between them.

This is another case of certain sections of the press implying things by innuendo, and I am most surrised that you should repeat it. feel your report has done Mr Thorpe and me unnecessary harm and the record should be corrected. ours faithfully, JAMES COLLIER, Bibury Court Hotel,

Bibury, Near Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

Secret balloting From Mr J. P. Hudson

J. P. HUDSON, 96 Northchurch Road,

Islington, NL

Sir, Mr Derek Robinson, joint shop stewards' convenor at Leyland Cars' Longbridge factory, is in noble and indeed ducal company when he declares that "we want to stick to our traditional way of voting".

Rather over a century ago the Duke of Argyll wrote to Gladstone opposing the secret ballot on the grounds that "it might succeed in ounteracting some of the most legitimate influence exercised by one class over another". Lord Palmerston, speaking at Tiverton, was more forthright: "to go sneaking to the ballot box, and poking in a piece of paper, looking round to see that no one could read it, is . . . unworthy of the character of straightforward and honest Englishmen ... Yours faithfully,

Imposing sanctions on South Africa

From Professor A. R. C. de It should for a long time now Crespigny

Sir, If I may speak bluntly, your distinguished newspaper's approach to the problems of South African politics is far from satisfactory, since it appears to neglect basic facts necessary for any adequate appraisal. Let me list a few of them. 1. The effect of foreign pressure

has been to strengthen the position of the National Party and the more pressure that is exerted the more powerful this party will become. Indeed, a not improbable consequence of intensified pressure will be the establishment of a one party

regime.

2 The best way to seek to influence South African policy is through carrots rather than sticks, incentives rather than constraints. The coercion of Nationalist-Afrikaners is virtually certain to have an effect the reverse of that which is intended.

3. The Afrikaners are right in supposing that Black rule would be incompatible with the adequate protection of many of their vital cultural and material interests. And if this is so, who can reasonably deny them a right to protect these in-terests—not an unlimited right to do anything they please but a right

do anything they proved anything they proved the real choice before South Africa lies not between "white minority rule" and "Black majority they between one form of minority fule "and "Black majority rule". but between one form of minority rule or another. "Black majority rule" in any substantial sense is, in the Republic, a spurious alternative.

Yours faithfully,

A. R. C. DE CRESPIGNY.
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From Mr Edward Millard

Sir, Dr Owen is unlikely to press for a ban on trade with South Africa because of the repercussions this would have on employment in Britain and no doubt his Cabinet colleagues have reminded him of this. The consequences of such short term thinking are to preju-dice our chances for future satisfactory relationships with many other African states who will be prosperous and who could become large trading partners with Britain long after the inevitable demise of the apartheid system in South

Africa.

The fact is that this attitude by the British Government is defensible moral nor economic. neither on moral nor economic nor political grounds. Several important African leaders have recognized publicly the reluctance of Britain to actually take meaningful action in support of its utterances against apartheid. and this is one part of the remon for the increase in standing which the Soviet Union has gained in Africa over the lest decade. The British Government is in a week position because it has failed to pave the way for radical action. have been condemning and expos-ing apartheid to the British people, explaining how British trade, and the involvement of British companies in South Africa, is boosting their economy to the further detri-ment of the black population; and it should have been arranging, in consultation with trade unions, schemes to cushion the adverse effect on employment in Britain.

If the Government does not pre-pare its case, it will of course find people less willing to accept, when their own jobs and family respon-sibilities are at stake. But to go on ignoring the means at its disposal to weaken the Scuth African regime economically and to isolate it politically is to run away from another in the second i "harsh fact of the real world". to
use Dr Owen's words, namely that
the South African Covernment
wants to oppress and exploit its to do so for as long as it can, Yours milv. FDWARD MILLARD,

125 Grove Road, Rayleigh, Essex.

From Wing Commander 5. John Peskett Sir. Now that we are going seriously into the sanctions business and tell-ing the Rhodesians and South Africans how to run their countries, could we not extend our activities to a few other governments who might be said to qualify for our reproaches?

Our record on sanctions is not

very good though we were at one time fairly good at repression. I am old enough to remember that our sanctions at the time of Mussolin's invecion of Ahyssinia were rather half-hearted but we did quite well on repression in India. However, since we are determined to go on this crusade, why do we not start with sanctions on all countries which barbour hijackers? This form of terrorism is a threat to the whole world.

I find myself at a loss to understand the vehemence we bring to proposed sanctions against Rhodesia and South Africa when we ignored what went on in Cambodia. We also ignore Uganda and other African states which are far greater centres of terror and repression than Rhodesia and South Africa. Then there are the various Communist countries whose governments meet with our disapproval. I see no sign of sanctions there.

By all means let us do what we can to ameliorate the lot of the black man in Africa, but we are not going to do it by the destruction of the economy of two properous countries which can only result in min for which and highly result in ruin for whites and blacks. am, Sir, yours faithfully, S. JOHN PESKETT, Westwell House.

Invitation to Mr Begin From Mr Said Hammami

Sir, Sixty years ago, without warning or even consulting the Palestinians, the British Government pub-lished the Balfour Declaration. lished the Balfour Declaration. With that document, the British lit the fuse for the Palestine tragedy. Thirty years ago, Menahem Begin, then leader of the underground frgun Zvai Leumi, was working hard to precipitate the final explosion as a result of which we the Palestinians were dispossessed of our ancestral homeland.

our ancestral homeland.

In a few weeks' time that same Begin is to visit this country as the guest of a different British Government. I know it is different because its leader, Prime Minister James Callaghan, in a speech reassuring his Jewish audience about British's concern for the security of Britain's concern for the security of Israel, said on October 23; "But we have always been concerned too about the appalling human prob-lems of those who lost their homes and their livelihood during various stages of the Arab-Israeli dispute. Unless we accept and understand their sense of grievance we will never achieve a peace that is

May I say, as a Palesrinian, how warmly I welcome Mr Cellaghan's remarks. May I add that an acceptable and lasting peace could be achieved through a complete Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and the establishment of a Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. In the eyes of the world community such a solution is just and possible especially since President Carter spoke of the need to establish a Palestinian and palestinian and palestinian and palestinian and palestinian are palestinian and palestinian are palestinian and palestinian are palestinian and palestinian are palestini ian homeland. And it was ex-pressed again by Mr Callaghan in the speech from which I have quoted in which he went on to say: quoted in which he went on to say "There is no prospect of a lasting peace coming about in the Middle East unless the Palestinian problem is solved. We believe the way to solve it is by setting up a homeland of some kind for the Palestinian Arabs."

Of course we Palestinians have bitter feeling about the British Government's decision to invite Mr Begin to visit this country. We fear that this official invitation will encourage those in Israel who share Mr Begin's determination not to withdraw from the Palestinian territory por to recognise the Palestinian people's rights. I hope Mr Callaghan's courage and sense of justice will impress on Mr Begin the need for a settlement along the line already indicated by Britain's Prime Minister.

Sincerely yours. S. HAMMAMI. Representative, Palestine Liberation Organization, London Office. 52 Green Street, W1. October 27,

Religion and the young From Bishop F. H. West

Sir, Mrs Shirley Williams, according to your report (October 26) on her latest reflections on religious education in maintained schools, has noticed what she describes as "a recrudescence of fundamentalism of one sort or another" among the young. So have I. In my visits to schools in Somerset and part of Avon I have been noting a great change in the attitude of young people towards religion over the past five years.

In the 1960s it was difficult to get the average sixth form to take the subject seriously. When con-fronted with a class I detected a certain amount of supercilious amusement in their attitude towards me. In their eyes I personally, and the faith I represented, seemed to lack credibility. If there were believing Christians among them, they kept very silent.

Not so today. In one corner of the room there is usually a minority of highly articulate young Christians, significantly and regrettably, to my mind, grouped together, whose enthusiasm often reduces the rest to silence

I can recall one occasion when a distinguished technologist and I jointly chaired a debate on Religion and Science. All the questions addressed to us were on the ethical and religious implications of technological advance. We can all draw our own conclusions from the change that has taken place. At any rate, RE teachers do not

have to create interest in religion. It exists along with a tendency to-wards all kinds of fancy religions, some of them harmful. The situation requires firm sympathetic, in-formal and wise handling.

But the point I really want to make is that if ever RE were removed from the syllabus of our state schools, the children of the next generation would be deprived of a subject which is arousing an increasing interest among a considerable minority of the young at the present time. Yours, etc.

FRANK WEST. 11 Castle Street, Aldbourne, Wiltshire. October 27.

Protecting North Devon

From Mr F. J. Brayley Sir, I have farmed this land for 57 years. The Transport Minister should let me take him to the steep hillside below my thatched farm-house to look down the marrow valley where his huge road will go, if rumour hereabouts is true. He will see B221 already climbing out of that valley.
I will take him across Mazard

Tree Lane to another of my fields above where his road will cut into the hillside from Five Crossways. He will see the traffic moving on A361.

Then we will climb to my top field west of the church and the lane along the ridge cross and lean on my neighbour's gate. He will see the traffic on A373 on the far

Three main roads, yet he wants to

squeeze another in and wherever it goes there is hardly a spot where won't be seen, making our hill country like the outskirts of a city. I say nothing about the loss of land for sheep and crops. Yours faithfully. F. J. BRAYLEY. Pearchay Farm, Ash Mill South Molton, North Devon.

Hanging Turner's paintings

From the President of the Royal Acad my

Sir, I hesitate to prolong still fur-ther the tit-for Tate controversy over Somerset House but wish, if I may, to comment briefly upon the Tate Trustees' press statement which was the subject of your lead-

ing article (October 28).

It is splendid to hear at last the squeak of rusty hinges from Millbank, to learn that shortly there will be a series of Turner watercolours on show (as in 1928) and that in the future if funds permit-(ah taose familiar reservations!)some of the hundred or more Turner oils now in store may one day be placed on view in the temday be placed on view in the temporarily converted wards of the disused Military Hospital nearby.

But the stone in this particular fruit is hard indeed. It is still apparently the opinion of the Trustees and their advisers that, despite the recent improvements, either already achieved or offered by DOE, the physical conditions in the recently restored rooms of Somerset House fall to reach the standards necessary in their view for the safe and proper display of Turner's work—and by Implication therefore of any other first class painting.

painting.

If this rigorous policy (luckily not shared by the generous lenders to the recent London/Thames Ex-hibition) is seriously to be pursued. or imitated by other lenders, it is dispiriting news not only for Somerset House, whose beautifully restored rooms are doomed to be left either bare or a background to the second rate, not only for us at Burlington House—where we still open the windows when it is not (as they do at Windsor Castle) and close them when it is cold—but for scores of similarly old fashioned provincial museums and galleries who will presumably be denied the privilege of national loans unless they spend a fortune on experts, air

conditioning and humidification.

If the original ideas of the If the original ideas of the Turner Society now seem perhaps over optimistic, the more modest proposals put forward in your columns (October 18) by Henry Moore, Lord Clark and others (and which Lady Birk said DOE would facilitate) for a "revolving" exhibition of Turner's oils and water-colours chosen from those now in store does not seem unreasonable store does not seem unreasonable. True it can be described as "dis-persal". But dispersal to a place these works can be seen rather than to a place where (as at present) they cannot, is surely to be welcomed.

welcomed.
The top floor of Somerset House stands splendid, ready, and empty. It must not remain so.
Yours faithfully,
HUGH CASSON,

Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1. October 31.

Mapping buried history

From Mrs E. V. W. Proudioo: Sir, The current programme of reorganization of the Ordnance Survey is to result in further curtailment of the Archaeological Branch and its vital role in archaeological research in this country. Scotland will feel this additional withdrawal of services most keenly, since no other agency here undertakes this particular work, of locating, surveying, classifying sites and publishing them on maps, while maintaining a sup-portive card index of new, known, visible and destroyed sites.

Maintenance of the card index is

Maintenance of the card index is to be at secondary level, yet this card index, requiring frequent updating, holds a wealth of information, a basic tool for any archaeological research. All who have used the Ordnance Survey cards are impressed by the detail contained, both in respect of field investigations over the years and in respect of supportive documentary research. of supportive documentary research. The Basic Scale Field Programme, started in 1947 and due to be finished in 1980, is to be stopped only months from completion. Sites are to be noted on maps, by non-archaeological surveyors, only if are to be noted on maps, by non-srchaeological surveyors, only if they see them. Many sites visible and clear to the trained eye will simply pass unnoticed under this system. Already experimental changes in information gathering have proved unsuitable, since not all regions are either equipped or motivated to provide such informa-tion. The information flow must be to the regions from a strong central Scottish department,

At a time when our way of life increasingly destructive of our archaeological environment, the Ordnance Survey should be strengthened, not reduced. If as many sites as possible are not noted on maps, planners and developers cannot be expected to know of their existence. Such mapping is a national rather than a regional responsibility. There is therefore a strong case for main-taining and strengthening the Ordnance Survey Archaeological Branch for Scotland, in Edinburgh, since at present they alone have the facilities and trained personnel to con-tinue such site recording.

Yours faithfully, EDWINA V. W. PROUDFOOT, Westgate, Wardlaw Gardens, St Andrews,

Napoleon's last doctor From Colonel E. W. Oxenford

October 26.

Sir, In today's issue of The Times October 27) on page 7 under Death notes on Napoleon sold in Paris". Dr Archibald Arnott is described as "RN". He was in fact surgeon of the XXth Regt who were at that time stationed in St Helena. He held all the clasps of the Peninsular Medal for actions in which the XXth were engaged. I will gladly supply details of this officer's service.

I am, Sir, Your obedient servant, E. W. OXENFORD, Lieut-Col XXth The Lancashire Fusiliers (Retd), Cool Bawn, Thurlestone. Kingsbridge. South Devon.

dangers involved in anaesthesia.

l'aring said that, I will admit to using the word sleep eurhemisticulty. The grees I had in mind were the so-called nerve gases more ... to emanate from one of our defence establishments than from a school of modicine, however distin-pooled. If there is one, for instance, which makes people ineffably happy it might do very well.

Chiswick, W4.

Yours faithfully.

50 Homefield Road.

Stopping hirackers

RAYMOND BLACKBURN,

sar. The eminent Professor (letters, october 28) who so obviously enletters. October 22) misjudges me-When writing to The Times it is, d d not mean "anaesthetire". Indeed there would have been no that I meent because of course one harves there are such gases and even layman has some idea of the

From Mr C. E. C. Dickens I suggest, a fair bet that every word and will be carefully weighed; perclore when I said "sleep" I

COURT **CIRCULAR**

Coslany (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, Lonon, this afternoon upon the arrival of Shaikh Khailfah bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of Qatar, and welcomed His Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

Princess Margaret will attend the Festival Hall on November 22. The Duke of Kent will visit the factory of Molins Ltd and open the Handy Cross Sports Centre, High Wycombe, on November 16. Princess Alexandra will visit Gogarburn Hospital, Edinburgh, on November 10. The Earl and Countess of Selkirk

deeply regret they were not able to attend the funeral service held A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Hollenden will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 1977, at 2000, in Southwark Cathedral.

memorial service for Brian lugh Colquioun will be held at it Margaret's Church, West-ninster, tomorrow, Wednesday, at

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Dr R. B. D. Douglas Wright will be held at St Saviour's, Warwick Avenue, W9, on November 10, at noon. Princess Margaretta Mrs Ambler will be present on Thursday, November 17, when the Swedish Ambassador opens the annual Swedish Christmas Fair at the Swedish Church Hall, Harcourt Street, Old Marylebone Road, at 11 am.

Eutectic + Castolin Institute

The Entectic + Castolin Institute held a ceremony yesterday at the Metropole Hotel, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, at which the Conservationist of the Year awards were presented by Mr Edward Heath, MP.

The chairman of the independent panol of Judges which selected the winning entrants was Major-General Sir Leonard Arkinson. The other judges were Pro-Major-General Sir Leonard Atsin-son. The other judges were Pro-fessor J. G. Ball, professor of physical metallurgy and head of department. Imperial College of Science and Technology, Mr J. M. S. Hart, manager of the main-tenance and operations division of the department of mechanical and descriptal engineering. Greater the department of mechanical and electrical engineering, Greater Loudon Council, Mr J. C. R. Hewgill, director of technical services of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants, and Mr E. C. Lovelock, manager of the estates division of Shell UN.
The award-winning companies : Chrysler Scotland Ltd. :d: 34 Central Workshops

Nottingham Brick Company Ltd.

A further seven companies were "highly cramended" by the judges. They were: Babcock and Wilcox Ltd. BSC Stanton and Staveler (Tubes Division). Brie's Rall Engineering Ltd. (Horwich Workshops). Crossville Motor Services Ltd. Levland Cars (Loagbridge UK) Ltd. Firestone Tyre and Rubbor Company Ltd. and Hewson and Turrell Ltd.

The judges decided that one other company, Intairdril Offsbare Services Ltd., was worthy of a

Birthdays today

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Lord Balfour of Inchrye. 80; Lord
Brockwey. 89; the Right Rev
L. A. Brown. 70; Admiral Sir
John Bush. 63; Air Morshal Sir
Edward Chilton. 71; Mr Terence
Cunco. 70; Sir Eric GriffithJones. QC. 64; Lord HarmarNicholls. 65; Frofessor K. H.
Jackson. 68; Sir Hector MacLennan. 72; Mrs Noami Mitchison. 80; Mr Philip Nocl-Eaker.
88: Mr James Ramiden. 54.

Forthcomicg marriages

Mr H. T. B. Smith and the Hon Susanna Arbuthnott The engagement is announced between Hugh, younger son of Mr and Mrs Lewis Smith, of Darnice, Melrose, Roxburghshire, and Susanna, daughter of the Viscount and Viscountess of Arbuthnott, of Arbuthnott House, Laurencekirk, Kincardineshire.

Mr P. J. Crichton-Stuart and Miss A. M. H. Williams The engagement is announced between Patrick James, only son of Mr and Mr: Patrick Crichtonor Mr and Mr; Patrick Cricoton-Stuart, of Langton House, Aires-ford. Hampshire, and Amarda Mary Howel, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Williams, of Cos-ford House, Thursley, Surrey.

the engagement is announced between Barry, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Jefferies, of Childwall, Liverpool, and Stephanie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Edgar R. Owen, of The Manuel Suppress of Mr

Mr T. Maassen and Miss L. S. Lynn The marriage will take place on December 10 between Tennis Maassen, of Monnickendam, Holland, and Lesley Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Lynn, of 76 Londoun Road, Lon-don, NWS.

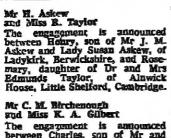
Mr R. J. A. Taylor
and Miss S. V. Owen
The engagement is announced
between Roger, only son of Mr
and Mrs A. Taylor, of Lendon,
and Saily, elder daughter of Mr
C. Owen, of London, and Mrs
M. Owen, of Norfolk.

Memorial services

Marling
A memorial service for LieutenautColonel Sir John Marling, was
held at St Peter's, Eaton Squore,
yesterday. The Rev Desimond
Tiliyer, the Rev Gervase Murphy,
who gave an address, and Field
Marshal Sir Richard Hull, who
read the lesson, took part in the
service. Among those present
were:

Mr E. Lawley
A memorial service for Edgar
Lawley was held in the chapel of
St Mary's Hospital, W2, on
October 27. The lesson was read
by Mr George Bonney and an
address was given by Lord Portit.
The Rev Douglas Pett, hospital
chaplain, officiated, and among
those present were: those pretent were:

Ver J. Crawford Adams, Viscount
Brarsled, Mr John Black, Mr 2nd
Mrs G. L. W. Benney, Mr Brockes,
Virg D. Cockburn, Mrs Cotton, Dr 2nd
Virg D. W. M. Copenan, Mrs Cowels,
Mr A. Cross, Mr K. A. Davies, Mrs.
M. Denby, Dr C. H. Edwards, Mr
M. Denby, Dr C. H. Edwards, Mr



the engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs H. P. Birchenough, of Fulling Mill Farm, Leeds, Kent, and Mrs Michael Gilbert, of Luddesdown Old Rectory, near Graves-

Mr J. Dancy and Miss S. N. Wyatt The engagement is amounced between Jonathan, son of the late Lieutenant-Commander P. R. Dancy, RNVR, and Mrs N. R. Sherwell, of Old Shalesbrook, Forest Row, Sussex, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. E. N. Wyatt, of Knowle, Mayfield, Sussex.

J. M. Jefferson Miss M. M. N. Grabam The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Group Captain and Mrs J. N. Jefferson, of Branksome Park, Poole, Dorset, and Mary, elder daughter of Major and Mrs N. J. O. Graham, of Househill, Nairn, Scotland.

The engagement is amounced between David Stannard, younger son of Mr and Mrs T. D. Jenkins, of Elm Cottage, Oakfield Lame, Wilmington, Kent, and Flona Mary, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. L. G. Nicoll, of Beech House, Kingerby, Lincolnshire.

Luncheons

Royal Over-Scas League
The chairman of the Royal OverSeas League, Lord Grey of
Naunton, and members of the central council emertained the
recently appointed Commissioner
for Hongkong, Mr Denis Bray, at
luncheon at Over-Seas House, St
James's yesterday.

Royal College of Surgeons of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, entertained Sir Jules Thorn, Mr Bernard Harries, Mr J. Michael Pickard, Professor A. J. Harding Rains and Mr W. F. Davis at luncheon at the college

"Financiat Times" Industrial Architecture Award, 1977
The eleventh Financial Times Industrial Architecture Award annual presentation of awards took place yosterday at a lunche vi at Goldsmitus' Hall, London. The award this yeor was made to the furniture factory for Herman Miller Ltd., Bath, Awon, designed by the Farrell Grimshaw Partnership, to whom the trophy was presented. Principal guests included: included:

If Peter Share Secretary of State for the Environment. Six Edward Bland. Mr. Secretary of State for the Environment. Six Edward State for the Environment of the Risk Council, Mr. Is Missred, MP. Mr. Tony Distual, MP. Mr. Gordon Graham, President of the RISA. The hosts were the Chirmin of the Financial Times, Lord Gibson, and his fellow directors.

Reception

Monday Club
The Africa group of the Monday
Club held a reception at 7 Cadogan Court Gardens yesterday evening (by permission of Mrs Betty
Cacrell) in honour of Mrs Jill
Knight, MP, who was the guest
speaker. Mr Harold Sorel was in
the chair and those present
Included:
Sir Archibald James. Sir Edger
Kantings, Sir Victor and Lady Ralkes,
Mr David Rankes, Go. and Mrs Karnes,
Commander U. G. F. Clark and Major
H. M. Edmonts,

Dinners

Air Force Board Mr James Weilbeloved, Underthe RAF, presided at a dinner given by the Air Force Board at Admiralty House, Whiteshall, last night. The following were

Mr J. Alvey and Mr J. H. Nelson.

Shipwrights' Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by
the Sheriffs, was the principal
guest at the annual dinner of the
Shipwrights' Company held at the
Mansien House last night. The
Prime Warden, Mr J. Gourlay
Freeland, wos in the chair, and
the other speakers were Mr D. F.
Martin-Jenkins, Fourth Warden,
the Lord Mayor and Lord Barnetson. The guests of the company
included:
The charman of British Shipbuilders,

Isaac Deutscher prize The Isaac Deutscher Memorial Prize for 1977 to the value of 1100, has been awarded to Processor S. S. Prawer for his book Karl Marx and World Literature. Work, published in typescript, may be submitted for the 1978 prize by May 1 to the Isaac Deutscher Memorial Prize, c/o Lloyds Bank, 68 Warwick Square, London SW1.

Latest appointments New Black Rod

New Black Koo
Lieutenaut-General Sir David
House, General Officer Commandluz, and Director of Operations
Northern Ireland since 1975, is to
become G-utileman Usher of the
Black Rod and Sergeam at Arms
attending the Lord Chancellor, in
succession to Admiral Sir Frank
Twiss, who regigns on January 10.
Sir David relinquishes his present
post on Monday.

University news

seen on a piece of Chioses blueand-white porcelain.

The jug has an Italian
eighteenth-century hinged silver
cover, probably made in Padua or
Venice. The prica was bid
despite a chipped spout.

A familie verte monteith
painted with scholars in conversation in a landscape fetched £3,800
(estimate £1,300 to £2,500). The
shape, with six trefoil projections
at the rim, is usually found with
blue-and-white decoration but is
rare in familie verte enamels.

At the end of the sale was a
large group of very attractive
flower and bird paintings dating
from the late eighteenth or early
metreenth centuries. They were
sent for sale by Prince S. A.
Raddwill and are framed in
attractive imitation hamboo and
grained wood frames. The bidding
ran to unexpected levels, one
group of six paintings selling for
11,200 (estimate £150 to £250).

The sale made £101,979, with
24 per cent unsold. Christie's
attributed the high proportion of
unsold items to the owners'
innstence on reserves higher than
the auctioneers advised.

Christie's also held a sale of
English porcelain, which totalled
£29,944, with 9 per cent unsold.

Services sold exceptionally well,
a Coalport part dessert service 25 years ago

Silver-mounted famille rose jug with

East and West styles fetches £3,200

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent
A happy marriage of East and
West was illustrated by a silvermounted famille rose jug sold as
Christle's yesterday for £3,200
(estimate £2,500 to £3,500). The
painting on the jug depicts a
woman and exotic birds on a river
bank where ducks swim among
the reeds; the Chinese decorator
is imitading a print by Cornelius
Pronck, and he in turn was interpretting the decoration he had
seen on a piete of Chinese blueand-white porcelain.
The jug has an Italian

Village inn is

National Trust

The finance committee of the National Trust will consider later this month whether to accept a bequest of the Fleece Inn, at Bret-

which date from the freezen cen-tary.

It was left to the trust con-ditionally on its being accepted within six months of the death of the owner, Miss Lola Almeda Taplin, who died on July 15, aged

left to the

decorated with bouquets of flowers and containing 22 pieces brought the top price at £1,600 (estimate £500 to £300).

At the weekend Sotheby Parke Bernet in New York sold property from the estate of the lake £dith Kane Baker in an outstandingly successful four-session sale. Every lot was sold and the sales totalled £914,860.

The London dealers, Baskett and Day, rook the New York auctioneers by surprise when they bid a record \$55,000 (estimate \$9,000 to \$12,000) or £30,899, for an Ingress pencil drawing.

Ingress portrait drawings are among the best loved graphic works of the early mineteenth century. The New York drawing depicts the artist's wife in a broad-brimmed bonnet with the artist in the bockground. It is dated £30 and dedicated *2 ses bons amis Taurel".

Mrs. Baker's father-in-law

bons amis Taurel".

Mrs Baker's father-in-law founded the First National City Eank and her husband was the bank's president until his death in 1937. The contents of her homes reflected good expensive taste.

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A small Fragonard oil, "Cupid sacrificing his wings for the desight: of the first kiss", fetched \$65,000 (estimate \$30,000 to \$40,000) or £47,752. A Ben Marshal hunting scene went to the Leger Gellery of London at \$72,500 (estimate \$40,000 to \$50,000) and a New York dealer paid \$70,000 (estimate \$12,000 to \$50,000) or £3,266 for an uncharacteristic Foujita work, "Filles aux oiseaux".

The pair of gilt-metal and leather knife uras that fetched \$27,500 or £15,450 provide an example of the importance of recognizing the correct origin of works of art. Sotheby's catalogue

From The Times of Friday, Oct 31, 1952

Sudan independence SUGAIT INGEPERICETCE
From Our Own Correspondent
Cairo, Oct 30.—Sir Abdel Rahman al-Mahdi called on General
Neguib at the Presidency today, to take leave before departing for Khartnum after the successful conversations which the delegates of the Sudan independence movement have had with the Egyptian government. The substance of the agreement is that Egypt approves immediate self-government for the Sudan on the basis of the draft constitution which is due to be promilgated by the Governor-General any time after November 8. Amendments are proposed with the object of ensuring that before the end of three years the Sudanese would be able to choose their future status—which may be either in-1-pendence or union with Egypt—free from any external indipunce. The key to the agreement between Egypt and the Sudan independence parties was General Neguib's acceptance of the principle that sovereignty over the Sudan independence of previous governments which had asserted Egyptian sovereignity though conceding to the Sudanese the right to secede. By recognizing the Sudanese which should be a valuable insurance policy for Egypt's vital interest in Nile waters. From Our Own Correspondent Cairo, Oct 30.—Sir Abdel Rahm Taplin, who died on July 15, aged 83.

In her will, published yesterday, Miss Taplin left £54,097 net. After bequests of about £1,300, she left threequarters of the residue for the upkeep of the inn, which had been in her family for nearly 500 years.

She stipulated that if the trust did not accept the offer the inn and the residue of the estate should go to \$t Leonard's parish church, Bretforton, to which she left the other quarter of the residue.

A trust official at Tewkesbury residue.

A trust official at Tewlesbury said a full report on the financial requirements had been prepared, but he could not indicate whether it would be acceptable. It was unusual for the trust to be left a public house, although it ran one in the Lake District and one in Cotuwall.

Other estates include (net before tax paid; tax not disclosed):
Askew, Dr Alau Harford, of Sheffield £120,128
Carter, Mr Henry, of Leytonstone £143,619 Clifford-Baynes, Mr Ian David, of Chiddingstone . . £165,115
Higson, Mr James Robert, of Hornsea, intestate . . £114,865
Irwin, Marion Annie Maria, of Bristol, intestate . . £666,822
Penn, Mr Joseph Douglas, of Clent . . . £103,376
Peyre, Louis Wilson, of Mortakos £145,858
Woods, Mr George, of Ormskirk £148,757 **Eaton House School**

Mr and Mrs Ingham, of Eaton House School, are due to retire in the near future. Would all past parents and former pupils who wish to express their gratitheir donations to : Mrs L. J. B. Lee, The White House, Newsham, Baldock, Hertfordshire Cheques should be made payable to: L. J. B. Lee and T. M. O'Neill Re lingham and will be

most gratefully received.

ss conference to launch

Burrough

Service dinner

St Andrew's Ball

St Addrew's Ball will take place on St Andrew's Eve, Tuesday, November 29, at Grosvenor House. Dancing will be to the Cavendish Band from Edinburgh. Beby Creche available, Ball tickets at £8 each are obtainable from the Secretary, Edgehill, Camden Park, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

OBITUARY

SIR JACK SCAMP Industrial 'trouble shooter'

Sir Jack Scamp, once famous as industry's "trouble-shooter extra-ordinary", has died at the age of 64 while convalescing in Devon.

He was almost continually in the public eye as the country's leading peacemeker for six years, from 1964 to 1970. Durng that time he was called in by the Government whenever there was trouble. Headlines such as "Jack Scamp blames both sides", were a newspaper commonplace. As chairman of the Motor Industry Joint Labour Council he conducted more than 20 inquiries into the troubles of motor firms and made suggestions to companies and to the Government to improve industrial relations in that strike-ridden industry.

He was also chairman of courts in inquiry into disputes affecting railway footplate staff, transporter drivers, dockers, airline pilots, sewing

machinists at Ford's, shipyard workers at Barrow, coal trimmers in the north-east. In the same period he was a member of the Industrial Court and a member of the Lord Devlin inquiry into the docks. For over a year from 1965 to 1966 he was seconded to the Department of Industrial Affairs as Economic advisor. He was a director of Fairfields shipperd during the experimental period of public ownership. He became a director of Urwick Orr and Partners, the management conworkers at Barrow, coal mim-Lord Ramsey of Canterbury with Canon Gonville ffrench-Beytagh at All Saints' Church, Margaret Street, Westminster, yesterday. Canon ffrench-Beytagh, who resigned as Dean of Johannesburg in 1972 after successfully appealing against imprisonment under the terrorism Act, heard Lord Ramsey speak on the importance of the Anglo-Catholic tradition in the Church of England. Partners, the management consultants and at the time of his described them as nineteenth-century in George III style and estimated their value at \$700 to \$900; by the time of the sale the anctioneers had realized that they were genuine George III pieces and had attributed them to Matthew Boulton, hence their higher value. Ar Sotheby's in London yes-terday a sale of printed books

sustants and at the time of his death was chairman.

But in the autumn of 1970 this period of his life came to an end. That was the time of the dispute over the pay of dustmen and other local authority workers. Having failed to persuade the Government to intervene, the two sides jointly appointed a three-man committee of inquiry with Scamp as chairman. The committee awarded the men slightly more than the employers last offer, but the way in which their recommendation was worded infuriated Mr Edward Heath, the Prime Minister, and

sion of the Book of Common. Prayer.
£800 chairs: There was keen overseas competition at Phillips's sale
of furniture and works of art yesterday. Several Spanish buyers
were outbid by Germans and there
was American and New Zealand
participation. worded infuriated Mr Edward Heath, the Prime Minister, and his colleagues, who were struggling to restrain inflationary wage movements.

Scamp had realized, and said, a couple of years before this that his time as peacemaker was bound to be short. In 1968 he calculated that he had conducted 21 inquiries and remarked that the constant writing of reports which necessarily exposed skeletons in the cupboard would in the end make people say that they did not went to have him looking into their affairs again.

The most difficult task he undertook was the attempt to

was American and New Zealand participation.

Nevertheless the British led the way in the highest priced lots. A private British boyer paid £800 for a set of 10 carved oak chairs of Carolean design (estimate £600) and £670 for a Louis Philippe centre table (estimate £500). Cordova paid £500 for a Victorian walnut breakfast table (estimate £500) and Klerner £440 for a set of six Victorian mahogany dining chairs (estimate £400).

The sale totalled £29,100, with 2 per cent unsold.

A sale of modern arts at Phillip's totalled £32,550, with 4 per cent unsold. Newman paid £3,700 for a painting of a Meibourne steam ferry by Walter Withers (estimate £1,000).

A Venetian scene by Edward Seago went to Wheeler for £3,600 (estimate £4,000) and Frost and Reed paid £3,500 for a typical William Russell Flint water colour, "Model and Chinese philosopher" (estimate £2,000). undertook was the attempt to bring some order into the in-

terday a sale of printed books made £73,167, with 2 per cent unsold. The top price of £5,500 (estimate £3,000 to £4,000) was paid by A. Scott for a first edition of £569 of the King Edward ver-

sion of the Book of Commo

Today's engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother holds investiture on behalf of the Queen, 11.

The Duke of Gloucester attends annual meeting of Historic Houses Association. Festival Hall, 9.40; and Design Council's press conference on laures.

cil's press conference to launch
Farm Buildings Catalogue, Agriculture House, Krightsbridge,
11.30.
The Duke of Kent, Colonel-inChief, The Royal Regiment of
Fusiliers, visits 1st Bantalion,
Colchester, 2.30.
The High Commissioner for Maltaopens exhibition of Maltase
stamps, Sunley Gibbons Gallery,
399 Strand, 12.
University extension lecture:
"Changing pastoral attitudes:
(6) anthority", St Margaret
Patrens, Eastcheap, 1.
St Ethelburge's, Bishopsgate, sung
Eucharist for All Saints' Day,
12.10.

Admiral Sir Harold

A thanksgiving service for Admiral Sir Harold Martin Burrough will be held at noon, on Thursday, December 8, 1977, in St Martin-in-the-Fields. It is requested that applications for tickets be forwarded to the following address by Monday, November 21: Ministry of Defence (Navy) NP2. Room 202, Archway Block Sout... Old Admiralty Building, Whitehall, SW1 (01-218 2943).

The London Scottish
The London Scottish regiment
held their annual Hallowe'en reunion dinner at regimental headquarters, 59 Buckingham Gate, last
night. Colonel D. V. Penman presided and Lieutenant-General Sir.
David Scott-Barrett, GOC Scotland, was principal guest.

and J. Whop, BA. PhD: mathers: H. Beitol. H. G. McIntyre, B. And G. D. Morley, BA. M. Modern languages; I. S. Eudooc, PhD. nature philosophy: Cather, Weddell, BA. office organization, Weddell, BA. office organization of Chemistry, J. Hadguell, M. Chemistry, J. Hadguell, M. D. Chemistry, J. Bandell, M. M. Chemistry, J. Bandell, M. G. Elman, PhD. hasmarcutic nology: S. K. Emocre, Bleechen, production management & metallic production & met

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industry as independent chairman of the joint council. In many cases the disputes which provoked the inquiry were resolved, but Scamp was disappointed that his longer-term recommendations produced little apparent effect. He resigned after four years, but by then some leaders on both sides were growing impatient of his exposure of their failures. All the time he was carrying out his activities as independent public peace-maker. Scamp

continued to earn his living in the career of personnel management which he had pursued almost all his life. Born in Birmingham in 1913, Born in Birmingnam in 1915, Athelstan Jack Scamp left school when he was 14 and por an office inh with the Great Western Railway. He was a ginner during the Second World War but left the forces with a knee injury and joined Rovers, where he became assistant personnel manager. There ant personnel transger. There followed a period with Rugby Portland Cement. He went on to become chief personnel man with the Plessey company, then Massey Ferguson and then in 1962, the General Flore c Company of which he became

director. From 1970 to 1975 he was Associate Professor of Indus-trial Relations in Warwick

University.
Scamp played football as an amateur for West Bromwich Albion and was also a cricketer and tennis player. Six feet two inches in height, pink complexioned, abstemious, he looked the athlete that he was a looked that he was a looked the looked the looked that he was a looked that he was a looked the looked that he was a looked that he was But he was unassuming in manner, quick to establish quietly friendly relations.

During his rinne with the Rugby Portland Cement Company, he made his home at Rusby and communed to go there at weekends and sit on the beach on Seturday mornishe beach on Seturday mornishes. the bench on Saturday mornings. He was a director of the Coventry City Football Club and had been chairman.

He married in 1939 Jane, daughter of John Kendall. They had one son and one daughter.

PROF ANDREW ROBERTSON

Lord Baker writes:

I was, from 1933 to 1939, a close colleague of Professor Andrew Robertson, whose death was announced in The Times of October 27. Andrew was a great engineer, elert and active to the last, but his main contributions to engineering were British Standard specifications framed structures.
Greet though Robertson's scientific contributions were, his main work was in engineerof October 27. Andrew was a great engineer, elect and active to the last, but his main contributions to engineering were all affairs at Bristol University for 30 years or more. In addition to the hundreds of pupils using them every day forget that they ever had to be made. They ever had to be made. Sixty years ago, working in Manchester with his close triend Professor Cook, later of Glasgow University, Robertson was shrewd enough to see, what triend Professor Cook, later of Glasgow University, Robertson elucidated the phenomenon of the yield of mild steel. He went on, during the 1914-18 War, working for the Air Ministry, to explain the behaviour of pin-ended compression mem-bers. His results, in 1932, were enshrined, and remain, in all shrewd enough to see, what business men seem to have forgotten today, that if you have the money the time to build is during a recession. He also had the charm which enabled him to persuade his colleagues to

In 1919, Maclones was Head

of the Modern Languages
Department of the Senior War
Office School of Education.
From 1920 to 1924 he studied
in Paris and Grenoble and was

appointed Assistant Lecturer in French at the University of Manchester in 1924. From there

manchester in 1924. From the he went to the University Glasgow, leaving Glasgow 1932 to take the Chair French at what was then at University College of Hull.

Mr Keith Carmody, the Aus-

Correction

LADY JAMES PROF W. A.

Lady James, CBE, widow of Sir F. E. James, well known in Indian political circles until he retired in 1946, died on October 21, in her 87th year. MacINNES Professor William Alexander MacImoes, MC, Professor of French at the University College and the University of Hull from 1932 to 1957, died at Withernsea near 1941 on Octo-She was the first director of the Women's Auxiliary Corps. India, having worked with Sir Dashwood Strenle, the first Withernsea near Huil on Octo-ber 21, at the age of 85.

Burn in April, 1892, Mac-Innes was educated at Glasgow High School and at the Univer-sities of Glasgow, Paris, Grenoble and Florence. He fought in the First World War, rising from the ranks to become a Cappain in the 11th Border Regiment, and won the MC and Bar. controller, from whom she later took over the running of this Corps in 1941.

She was a live wire, who recruited most of the personnel herself at that time.

An honest, direct person, she will be remembered for her self-discipline, efficiency, singlemindedness and tremendous loyalty. Unfortunately due to ill health, she was obliged to re-sign and hand over to her successor two years later.

Dr Norman Scotlard, curator of the Riverdale Zoo, Toronto, for 20 years, died in Picton, Ontario, on October 23. He emigrated from Wimbledon in 1931, and served with the Commonwealth Forces in the

Mr Raymond Craine, Lord Mayor of Liverpool last year, has died in hospital in Liver-pool. He was 62.

Major-General Gerald Patrick Linton Weston, CB, CBE, DSO, who died on October 26 at the age of 67, was senior operations officer, Malaya, 1952-55 (being mensioned in despetches); and was Director of Land/Air War-fare, Wer Office, 1960-64. From 1957 pp 1960 he was Comman-dent of the Army Air Corps Miss Nora Warwick Stewart, who has died at Chester in her 91st year, was the widow of Brigadier C. G. Stewart, CBE, who died in his 74th year in 1965. They were married in 1920 in Constantinople, where he was then in command of an RASC Moster Part Sounders. dent of the Army Air Corps Motor Boat Squadron, and she was one of the American staff of the Relief Commission of the tralian cricketer, died in Syd-ney on October 21 at the age of late Herbert [later President] Hoover.

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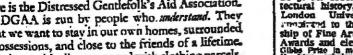
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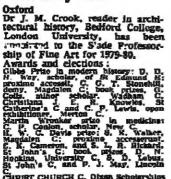
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Council has awarded a grant of £15.514 to the department of psychology to assist Dr A. Whiten in a study of the educational en-vironment of infants in Britain vironment of and Nigetria. Appointments Lecturers: Dr P. A. V. Anderson, BSc (St And), MA. PhD (Caul), 2001097: Dr C. Carey, MA. PhD (Canlab), Greek; Dr C. W. Svans, BSc. PhD (Auckland), anatomy and experimental pathology: P. B. Humfry, EA (Dublia), MA (London), fine arts.

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spame and tinted fog. The fire consumes.

Twenty pictures is about the right size for a Turner show.

Seen in vast quantities, as at the Royal Academy exhibition of 1974-75, or in the Tate's Turner rooms, his work can come wearying. Henry James (wongly) described Tolstoy's Evelyn Joll of Thos Agnew & novels as "fluid puddings".

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Turner was a genius, but he painted too much. For better than on the late works which have a primary of the 20 paintings are from the period 1801-1810, and the show therefore the painted too much. For better than on the late works which have perhaps been overstressed in recent limit Harp, newly cleaned and had been described for the first time.

than enormous permanent dis-than on the late works which plays at Somerset House or the Tate would be to put most of and over-exposed in recent the paintings in store and have times. Both The Bridgenter a constantly changing display Semiece (real title Duch

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interpretations.

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Beethoven's later piano soustas

in the second of his South Bank

recitals on Sunday afternoon;

this time he played the very last three, which can arguably be regarded as a trilogy, and effectively seemed so in these

They were straightforward,

thought our with complete muci-cianly consistency, perfectly poised between poetry and philosophy, emotion and reason.

Pollini's virtuoso pianistic equip-

ment was applied at full stretch, as much in the seamless, exactly

superb cheek, and doubly so if

he chooses to expose himself to

ago Itzhak Periman gave a con-certo evening of Bach, Paganini and Beerhoven; on Sunday he

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BBC1 Play of the Month on Sunday suddenly stopped white Shaw climbed on to the soap

box to deliver a tract.

There is Mrs Clandon's speech about family life at the beginning. There is old Crampton's Scrooge-like speech about men of no means always wantmen or no means always wanting to get married. There was Warren Clarke as Bohun, QC, standing the law on its head at the end of the play.

Personally I find this is what I like most about Shaw. Indeed, it is what makes Shaw.

Without it, You Never Can Tell is a silly play. The twins, Dolly and Philip, raised by their mother, the New Woman, Mrs Clandon (Judy Parist), are

rude to the point of dementia.

the code to Op 111 as in its remorseless third variation, inremotives thru variation, in-tensely strong, or in the fugue which ends Op 110 and was taken at a cracking pace with-out ever sounding messy, as so again occupied Maurizio Pollini

The only awkwardness in the recital was possibly the trio section of the same sonara's Scherzo, though there were a few triffing slips so uncharacteristic that one hardly trusted one's ears. At the most fiendishly taxing moment in that fugue Pollini was moved to sing, in a stentorian croak, as he played for dear life, sustaining as ever the scrupulous and vital rhythm central to his

readings.

Equally typical was the deed Herculean, labour of clarity of his tonal range, from musical love.

without shades of vanity and self-indulgence, then that could be excused, if not ignored. His cadenza in the Mozart G major concerto, for instance, was For a violinist to play three hardly appropriate in its bra-vura and its musing freedom, and I doubt if he would, concertos in a single programme bespeaks either foolhardiness or

under normal circumstances, enter the Tchaikovsky concerto with quite the coy sensitiveness two such marathons. A formight ago Itzhak Perlman gave a concerto evening of Bach, Paganini finale of the Mendelsohn, too, was showy, even while it was marvellously exciting.

turned his attention to Mozart, Mendelssohn, and Tchaikovsky. Having heard the second pro-I would not want, however, to give the impression that the performances were all empty virtuosity. Often Mr Perlman succeeded in bringing dignity in into the Brahms as encore. gramme I would certainly not accuse Mr Perlman of folly, for he ended the concert as fresh

ity (especially in the finale) and may have arisen from the fact it lacks a slow movement

Certainly on Sunday Klaus Tennstedt launched the first movement fiercely, almost ve-hemently, although without any heaviness; the music can take it, of course. In the second vet tension was never far below the surface. The urbanity of Symphony No 8 as less of a the third movement, Tempo di lightweight. It always did seem Minuerto, was deceptive too, for an eccentric view of the work, considering its formal original-proprieties is very partial.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

the crowds who drift vacantly and unfocused through the Turner rooms at the Tate onever seem to be doing.

Only one of the 20 paintings in the Tate show (The Bridge, St Gothard and The Devil's Bridge, St Gothard and the Bridguater Seapiece) was included in the 1974-75 bicenterary exhibition, and several have not been exhibited before, others not within Hving memory. The show has been arranged to coincide with the publication by the Yale University Press for the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art and the Tate Gallery of a catalogue raisonné of all Turner's works in oils. The learnings of J. M. W. Turner (two volumes, £65). The authors are Martin Butlin, keeper of the Historic British Collection at the Tate, and Eevelyn Joll of Thos Agnew & Sons. Joll has also written the introduction and notes for the Exhibition catalogue.

Sixteen of the 20 paint.

curiosity with echoes of Hogarth. But Thomson's Aco-lian Harp, newly cleaned and exhibited for the first time since 1914-15, looks back to

Shaw, who could see so clearly through to the silliness at the heart of pompous institutions and hidebound ideas, attempted to create gay, free spirits but failed. Likewise the five-shilling densist (Robert Powell), whom Shaw would have us see as born with a light heart, seems merely rather wet. Warren Clarke's know-it-all QC almost makes the play but there is not enough of

It seemed a bad choice of play to open a new season with a much heralded new broom apparently going to sweep through the Play of the Month. Personally I never saw anything wrong with the old broom. We will have to wait and see. You

never can tell. as exquisitely, transparently coloured as a Cotman water-colour wash in the Finale of Op 109, to an earthshaking fortissimo. Special attention was given to Beethoven's rich chordal writing so that for example in the recapitulation of the first movement of Op 111 is considered beautiful and not a

sounded beautiful, and not a Pollini's tempi included extremes of fast and slow but never seemed extravagant or eccentric, except once or twice in ritenuti. In short, this magmificent firebrand of a pianist was in quite untamed but wholly admirable form as he exercised his mind and body on

and as fleet as he had begun it, and purity to that emotional If his performances were not amplitude, which suggests that ithout shades of vanity and he could, if he wished, be a Rostropovich of the violin. On such occasions, and there were many in the three slow move-ments, he made his instrument speak in an almost vocal recita-tive, helped by the breadth of span which gives his phrasing such wivid personality.
With so much happening in

the solo parts there was scarcely an opportunity to give full ear to the admirable support provided by Lawrence Foster and the London Philharmonic Orchestra. The evening pro-

The London Symphony Orchestra's ensemble playing was finely honed throughout, as it must be for such an interpre tation, but there was some par-ticularly enjoyable horn and clarinet work in this movement. An interpretation of this sort, with tempos rather on the fast side, is perhaps needed also to bring home to one how con-centrated the finale is.

Mr Tennstedt made the open-

ing movements of Brahms's Symphony No 1 advantageously tense ciso. Its transc expression was almost perfectly contained

Claude, with symphs in a lim-pid landscape clearly recogniz-able as the sweep of the Thames at Richmond. Grand Thames at Richmond. Grand Junction. Canal at Southall Mill, Calder Bridge, Cumberland and the rather later View on the Avon of 1825, exhibited here for the first time, are simple, derelict landscapes bathed in golden light to all of which Ruskin's words quoted in the notes to the Cumberland picture could apply: "All the purest works of this period are, I believe, without exception, views, or quiet single thoughts..." Here, perhaps, Turner comes closest to Mondrian. The small exhibition of Mondrian's paintings supplements the three pictures in the Tate's collection with an anonymous loan Composition in Med Valley and Plant and Parker and Park

monymous loan Composition in Red, Yellow and Blue of 1935. The earliest is Tree

Wigmore Hall

The programme of Brahms from Anne Collins and John Barrow on Sunday night was no ordinary Lieder recital. They sang the songs in new English translations by Leslie Minchin, who as he has shown in other is, delieves that for many

content-goers a foreign langu-age is a barrier to full enjoy-As only a small proportion of Brahms's sougs find their way into recital programmes, I arrived wondering if Mr Minchin was at long last about to unlock the key to the composer's heart. But Brahms's choice

preoccupation with the English text in the performances some-how militated against the breadth and nobility of Brahms's line.

In fairness to Mr Minchin it should be said that he has done the job professionally from viewpoint of rhyme, eccentua-

Mondrian was experimenting with his own modified form of Cubism, which has just been acquired by the Tate. The show is cramped and badly hung, but traces Mondrian's development clearly and supplements his works by paintings by other artists which are related to them. These include Ben Nicholson's beautiful Painting of 1937, the best thing he has done. Mondrian, who was shortly to spend two years in London, had met Nicholson in Paris in 1934, and the English artist was deeply influenced by his work. But Nicholson's painting is far Nicholson's painting is far from being overshadowed by

Paul Overy

Collins/Barrow

Joan Chissell

ser's heart. But Brahms's choice of verse was more autobiographical than discriminatory. Furthermore, as Dr Eric Sams has recently reminded us, in Brahms "we rarely hear the words for their own sake, as recitative; they are more a medium for melody...his songs are always ready to turn into instrumental music". Apart from the sentiment emerging a little too obviously, preoccupation with the English

from hitting his entries he seemed better cast in the graver "Vier ernste Gesänge". Anne Collins had the mellow contraito tone Brahms loved (although darkening sometimes called flattening) and she responded generously to mood. David Willison was the the con-

scientious pinnist.
In yesterday's BBC lunchhour concert broadcast from St. Johns, Schubert was set aside in favour of Schoenberg, representing the second Viennese School which is the current season's second subject.

All four of his string quartets

are being included, and yester-day it was the turn of No 3 of 1927. When complimenting Rudolf Kolisch (leader of the quartet who gave the premiere) in his analysis of its 12-tone construction, Schoenberg yet made it clear that he wanted everyone to forget the means and respond only to the aesthetic qualities of the music. Nevertheless much of the satisfaction of yesterday's perform-ance by the Darbington String Quarter came from their grasp of formal structure. While lavishing great care on expres-sive detail, they ensured that you always knew exactly where you were in the argument, and which were its high spots. In the first movement there was fine continuity in the transfer-ence of brief motifs from one instrument to another. The instrument to another. The second movement's sustained and fluttering themes (and their variations) were clearly viewpoint of rhyme, eccentuation and for the most part comfortable vowel sounds too. Obviously humbler English singers will be more ready to risk those songs in their own tongue, while newcomers to music of all ages may find more in them to enjoy.

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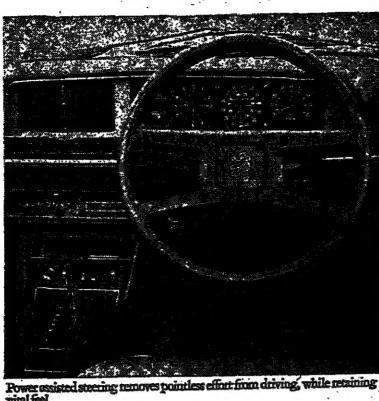
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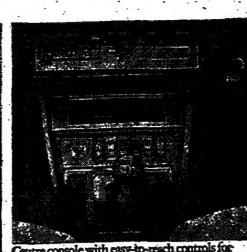
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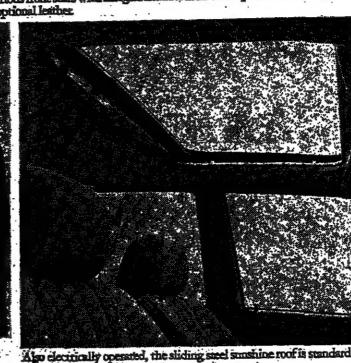


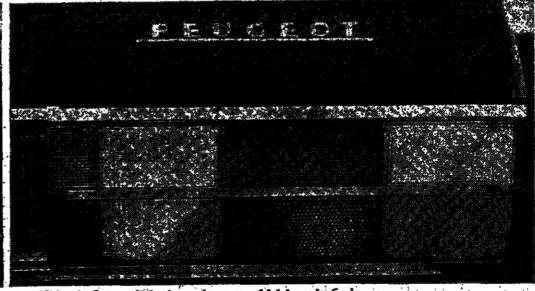




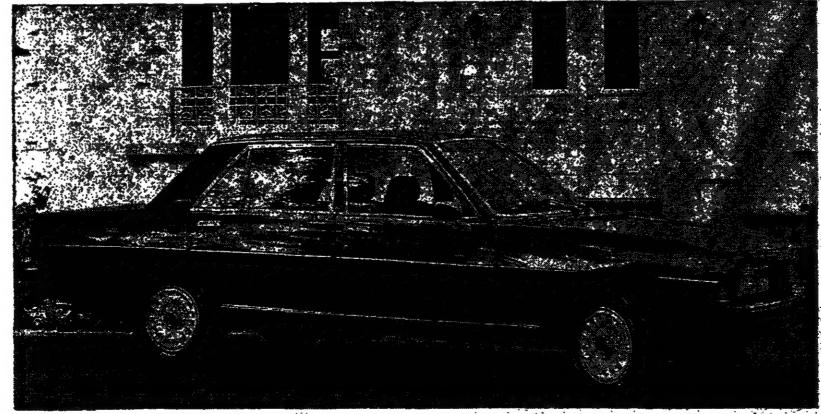








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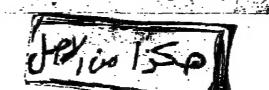
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